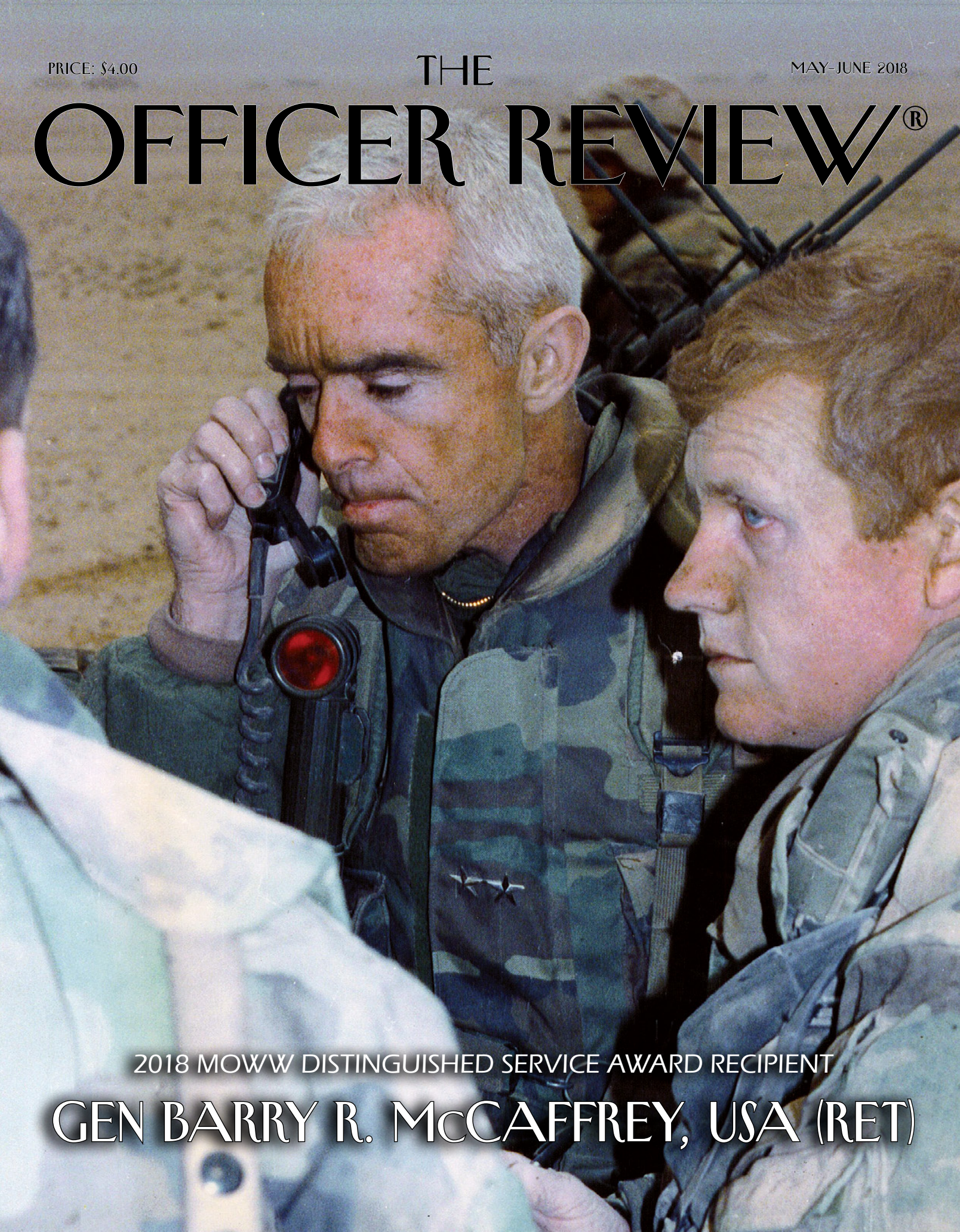


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VOLUNTEERISM IS THE ENGINE OF SERVICE

Dear Companions,

The Military Order of the World Wars has been all about volunteerism and serving our country from its very inception almost 100 years ago. The idea of a military officer wanting to “continue to serve our country,” whether in uniform or out, is a common trait. MOWW is the perfect venue to stay relevant and useful in communities—that is why we want you to help recruit new and younger veteran Companions (CINC Priority #1). We see why our official motto is: It is Nobler to Serve Than to Be Served.

Today, MOWW chapters have a need for more volunteers than ever since we offer a range of service-based outreach programs that allows us to give back to our communities, youth and veterans. For example, our Youth Leadership Conferences, Patriotic Education Programs and Massing of Colors provide leadership training and civic education, all while promoting patriotism in and involvement with our local communities. Recognition of Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of the USA demonstrates MOWW's support of these fine programs. Medals, awards and certificates honoring youth, and JROTC and ROTC cadets, are much appreciated by America's youth, their parents, friends and educators across the country.

In addition, many chapters are prominent in their communities for erecting and maintaining monuments and memorials that recognize veterans of all services and their many contributions. We need MOWW helpers—Companions—dedicated to serving and recognizing members of the Law & Order professions, first responders, and those who are members of our nation's National and Homeland Security communities. Importantly, we also have many Companions who care for our veterans via outreach programs that fit veteran needs and those of their communities.

The Military Order of the World Wars is all about helping our nation in a myriad of ways through service. Find your niche, be one of the Companions who volunteer for outreach and other roles in the Order so that many can carry the volunteerism load, not just the few.

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MOWW's 2018 Distinguished Service Award Recipient, GEN Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret)



GEN BARRY R. MCCAFFREY, USA (RET)



General McCaffrey served in the US Army for 32 years and retired as a full General. At retirement, he was the most highly decorated serving general, having been awarded two Distinguished Service Crosses (the nation's second highest award for valor), two Silver Stars for valor and three Purple Heart Medals (wounded in combat three times).

For five years after leaving the military, General McCaffrey served as the Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Upon leaving government service, he served at West Point as the Bradley Distinguished Professor of International Security Studies from 2001-2005; and an Adjunct Professor of International Security Studies from 2006-2010. He previously served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Social Sciences from 1973-1976 teaching American Government and Comparative Politics.

General McCaffrey is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is Chairman of the Addiction Policy Forum Advisory Board. He has served on the Board of Directors of several corporations in the engineering design, technology, healthcare and services sectors. He joined the Board of Directors of Beacon Health Options.

General McCaffrey attended Phillips Academy, Andover, MA, and graduated from West Point with a Bachelor of Science degree. He earned a master's degree in American Government from American University and attended the Harvard University National Security Program, as well as the Business School Executive Education Program. In 2015 he was selected for the Doughboy Award—the highest honor the Chief of Infantry can bestow on any Infantryman—for outstanding contribution to the United States Army Infantry.

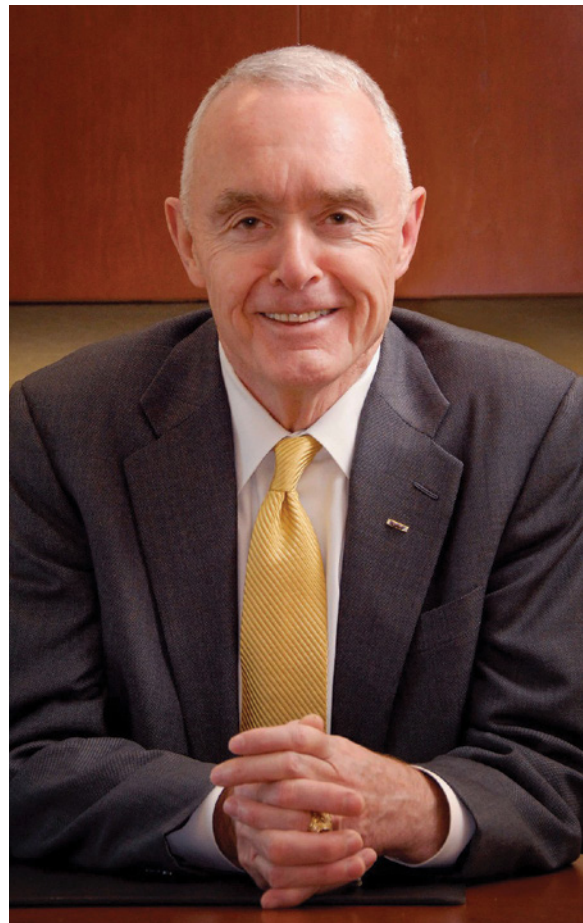
In May 2010, he was honored as a Distinguished Graduate by the West Point Association of Graduates at the United States Military Academy. In 2007 he was inducted into the US Army Ranger Hall of Fame at the US Army Infantry Center, Ft. Benning, GA. In 2004, Catholic University of America awarded him the James Cardinal Gibbons



Medal (highest honor), to recognize his distinguished and meritorious service to the United States of America. In 1992, he was awarded the State Department Superior Honor Award for the principal negotiation team for the START II Nuclear Arms Control Treaty.

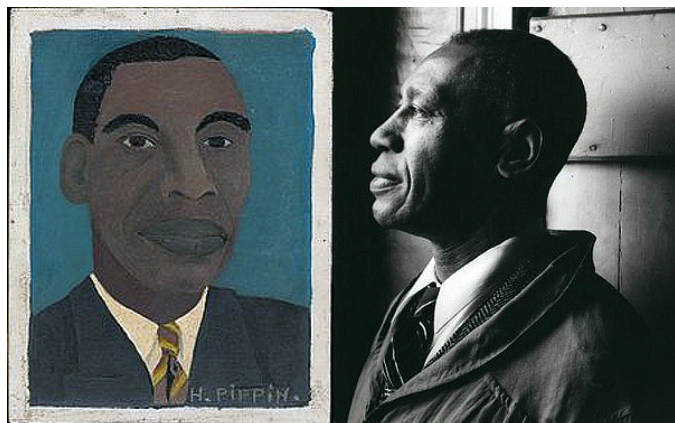
General McCaffrey is married to Jill Ann McCaffrey. They have three married adult children and six grandchildren. Their son, Colonel Sean McCaffrey, retired from the Armed Forces after a career as an infantry officer.

General Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret), is president of his own consulting firm, www.mccaffreyassociates.com. He also serves as a national security and terrorism analyst for NBC News. ★★ ★★



TRENCH WARFARE-INSPIRED WWI ARTIST

BARRY HUDOCK
VIA VFW MAGAZINE



Painter Horace Pippin: Self Portrait and portrait photo.

WWI Army veteran Horace Pippin fought with the famed “Harlem Hellfighters” during the Great War. His oil-on-canvas depictions of his experiences in France made him famous.

As America marks the centenary of its involvement in World War I, the achievement of one veteran deserves commemoration. Horace Pippin, who fought in France with the renowned 369th Infantry Regiment of the 93rd Infantry Division, went on to achieve importance as an artist after the war, despite war wounds that left him partially disabled.

“His work is endlessly fascinating and quite beautiful,” said Anne Monahan, a current fellow at The Met in New York and an independent scholar who specializes in 20th century art. “American art would be diminished if he were not known.”

Born in West Chester, PA, in 1888, Pippin moved at age three with his mother and two siblings to Goshen, NY, where he attended a segregated, one-room schoolhouse. Horace enjoyed art even in childhood, but the realities of growing up in a poor black family meant he had to leave school to find work at 15 years old.

He worked in a variety of manual labor jobs until he enlisted in the Army in March 1917, just as the US was about to enter WWI. He joined the 15th New York National Guard Regiment, soon to be renamed the 369th Infantry Regiment, and known more informally and more famously, as the Harlem Hellfighters, or Harlem’s Rattlers. Cpl. Pippin served with K Co., 3rd Bn.



Horace Pippin painting: The End of the War—Starting Home

The 369th spent 191 days at the French front, immersed in the dangerous trench warfare that was a common experience for Doughboys. With his fellow soldiers, Pippin faced withering machine-gun fire and devastating artillery attacks. They spent weeks in trenches that were wet and filthy. Along with the violence, mud, lice and rats were constant features of their days.

Sometime during that period, Pippin was shot in the right arm by enemy sniper fire.

“We don’t know exactly when he was wounded,” said Jeffrey Sammons, a history professor at New York University. “It doesn’t turn up in his diary. But it seems likely to have happened at Sechault, late in the war, around Sept. 26 or 27, 1918,”

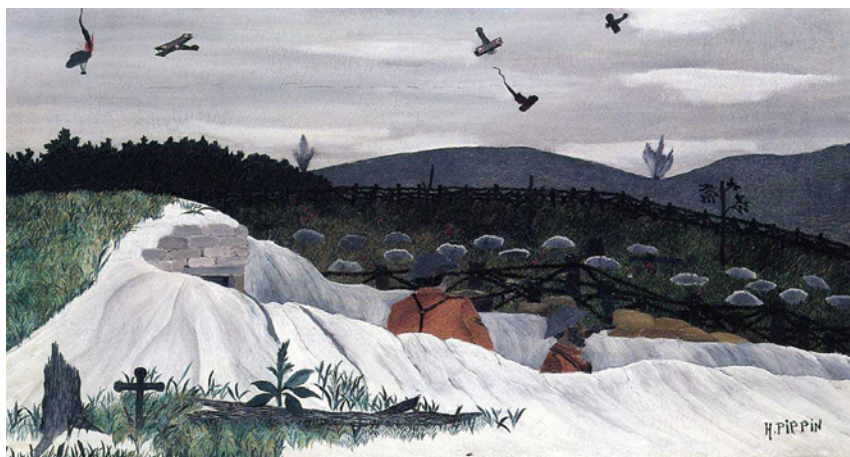
Horace Pippin painting: Dog Fight over the Trenches, 1935

Returning home to West Chester with a crippled right arm, Pippin was unable to do most of the kind of work by which he'd previously earned his living. Receiving modest disability payments from the Army, he turned to art as a method of self-expression and dealing with his new life. He started working with a technique called pyrography, burning images onto wood panels with hot instruments. In this way, he created what Monahan calls "folksy narrative panels" — simple but moving scenes of rural home life and the outdoors.

But at the beginning of the 1930s, he turned to a topic he had not tried to depict before in his art: his war experience. At the same time, he changed the medium he was working in, moving now to oil paints on canvas. Completely self-taught, Pippin learned to use his left arm to hold and guide his right hand holding the brush.

"His first painting on canvas was of, what appears to be, the battle in which he was wounded," Monahan said. "So Pippin took up a whole new medium to explain the subject [of his wartime experiences]. He wanted to work on a bigger scale than the wood panels would allow."

That painting was "The End of the War — Starting Home." He followed that with many other paintings, including some further war images, such as "The Barracks" and "Dog Fight over the Trenches." Pippin said at one point that his war experience "brought out all the art in me.... I paint from it today." He also chose subjects from rural black home life, American history and the Bible. Pippin's work began to gain some notoriety around the region and then nationally.



At the end of the 1930s, Pippin achieved national acclaim. His paintings were displayed in major galleries around the country, purchased by wealthy collectors and celebrities, and published in *Time*, *Vogue* and *Life* magazines. Pippin died of a stroke in 1946, but he remains an important figure in American art. ★

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Horace Pippin painting: The End of the War - Starting Home



THE BATTLE OF TARANTO

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Taranto Harbour, Swordfish from 'Illustrious' Cripple the Italian Fleet, 11 November 1940. By Charles David Cobb (1921–2014)
Photo credit: National Museum of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth, UK

On 11 November 1940, the Royal Navy sank one Italian battleship and severely damaged two others in what has become known to history as the Battle of Taranto. The outcome of this battle not only had historical significance because of how it was fought but also for the effect that it had on the strategic thinking of naval leaders half a world away.

To understand the significance of the battle, it is necessary to review the naval situation and strategy being employed in the Mediterranean Sea in the late summer and autumn of 1940. The British had control of both entry points to the Mediterranean at Gibraltar in the west and Suez in the east. The Mediterranean was a major life line between Britain and her eastern colonies. Most of the commerce and military supplies between Britain and the east passed through the

Mediterranean rather than taking the long way around the tip of southern Africa, which added 6,000 miles to the voyage.

Unfortunately for the British, the Axis powers were based mainly in Italy controlled the central Mediterranean and threatened to completely cut off the British supply line through the Mediterranean. It was over control of the central Mediterranean that the Royal Navy fought the Axis powers for nearly three years. The Battle of Taranto was a part of that struggle.

The major parties that fought the British for control of the Mediterranean were the Italian Navy and Air Force, and the German Luftwaffe. Prior to 1941, German involvement in the Mediterranean was minimal. The Italian Air Force was a serviceable organization that suffered from

obsolete equipment and so never posed a real threat to the British. The Italian Navy, on the other hand, was a highly trained professional service equipped with modern battleships and heavy cruisers as their main striking force.

During the bulk of 1940, the Italians engaged the British in several indecisive fleet actions in which they more than held their own against the British.

The British Admirals in command in London, like their counterparts in most other navies of the time, considered the battleship the major striking force of the fleet and built their strategy for the Mediterranean around trying to engage the Italians in a surface action like the Battle of Jutland in 1916.



Admiral Sir Arthur Lumley St George Lyster, KCB, CVO, CBE, DSO

In September 1940, the aircraft carrier HMS *Illustrious* and its escort group arrived in the eastern Mediterranean under the command of Rear Admiral (later Vice Admiral) Sir Arthur Lumley St George Lyster, KCB, CVO, CBE, DSO. Immediately upon his arrival, Lyster raised the question of launching an airstrike against the Italian fleet in its main base at Taranto. Admiral of the Fleet Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham, 1st Viscount Cunningham of Hyndhope, KT, GCB, OM, DSO & Two Bars, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, was impressed by the idea and enthusiastically championed it to his superiors in the Admiralty. He received approval and "Operation Judgment" was set in motion. The original date for the attack was set for 21 October 1940 but was postponed due to a fire in HMS *Illustrious*' hangar bay. It was rescheduled for 11 November 1940.

On that date, HMS *Illustrious* and her screen of four cruisers and four destroyers closed to position 170 miles south-east of Taranto, which is located on the southeastern coast of Italy. There they launched 21 *Swordfish* Torpedo bombers in two waves. The first wave of 12 aircraft was launched at 2057 and the second wave at 2130. Their targets were the six battleships, five cruisers and eight destroyers of the Italian battle fleet anchored



Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham

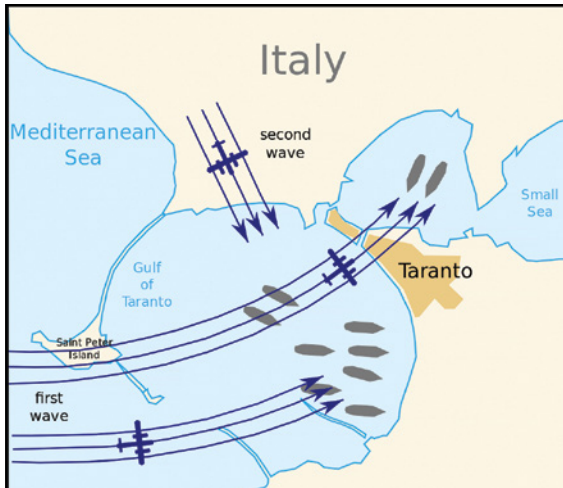
in Taranto. The fleet was protected by several shore-based, anti-aircraft batteries, anti-torpedo nets and barrage balloons.

The fleet was no easy target for the obsolete torpedo-carrying biplanes of the British attack force.

Nonetheless, they carried out the attack with courage and skill at 2300. By the time the attack was over at 0030 on 12 November 1940, one Italian battleship, the *Conte di Cavour*, was sunk and two others, the *Italia* and the *Caio Diulio* were so heavily damaged that they required four and six months of shipyard work, respectively, to repair them. The British suffered the loss of two aircraft.

Looking at it from a numerical perspective, the Battle of Taranto was a rather small affair involving only 21 aircraft and resulting in the complete loss of only one ship by the Italian Navy. Its historical significance, however, is far greater than the numbers involved. It marked the first time that a sea launched air attack occurred against an enemy fleet in a heavily-defended harbor. This was not considered feasible in the prevailing naval doctrine of the time. Also, it was the first time that an aircraft carrier was used as the major strike force against an enemy fleet, albeit one at anchor.





Attack directions of the British aircraft

Prior to this time, prevailing naval theory posited the aircraft carrier to be a support vessel for the battle fleet, relegated to finding the enemy for the battleships and attacking lightly defended enemy outposts. Taranto demonstrated that the aircraft carrier could be used to attack major enemy units in heavily-defended harbors and inflict significant losses upon the enemy without the need for battleships. This marked the beginning of the

aircraft carrier's evolution into the major striking platform that it became during the remainder of World War II and that it continues to be today.

The most significant effect of Taranto, however, occurred on the other side of the world in Japan. Admiral Yamamoto used the success of the British at Taranto to counter the objections of the battleship-minded admirals at the Navy Ministry when he was seeking permission for his daring plan to bomb Pearl Harbor in the event of war with the United States. When the Navy Ministry raised the objection that it would be too difficult for Japanese to successfully attack the American Fleet in heavily defended Pearl Harbor, Yamamoto would point out that the British had successfully done so with obsolete aircraft at Taranto. Eventually, the Navy Ministry acknowledged the strength of his argument, thus setting in motion the greatest naval conflict in history, the war in the Pacific.

The Battle of Taranto, little known to us today, demonstrates the fact that small, often forgotten events, can have historical impacts far beyond their size, which often influence the course of events far into the future. ★



Fairey Swordfish was a biplane torpedo-bomber designed by the Fairey Aviation Company. The Swordfish achieved some spectacular successes during the war. Notable events included sinking one battleship and damaging two others of the Regia Marina (the Italian Navy) during the Battle of Taranto, and the famous attack on the Bismarck, which contributed to her eventual demise. By the end of the war, the Swordfish held the distinction of having caused the destruction of a greater tonnage of Axis shipping than any other Allied aircraft.

THE LAST FIGHTER PILOT

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The book, *The Last Fighter Pilot; The True Story of the Final Combat Mission of World War II*, is more than the story of Captain Jerome “Jerry” Yellin, the US Army Air Forces (USAAF) fighter pilot who flew his P-51D on the last combat mission in World War II and who passed away on 21 December 2017 at the age of 93. It is also the story

of World War II in the Pacific and the strategy that brought Jerry to Iwo Jima and resulted in the final victory over Japan. Last, it is the story of dedication, friendship and death in the Pacific skies as told by one who experienced those things, memories about which remained with him throughout his life.

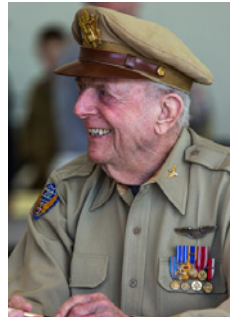
Jerry enlisted in the USAAF on his 18th birthday, just two months after Pearl Harbor. He initially failed the eye exam for pilot. However, with the help of his mother who was on the draft board, he memorized a copy of the eye chart she had “obtained” and he passed the test the second time around. Yellin proved himself to be a good pilot and following training, he transferred to the 78th Fighter Squadron (FS) flying the North American P-51 Mustang in Hawaii as part of the island’s defense. He was barely twenty-one when he and the other pilots of the 78 FS went into combat, landing on Iwo Jima on 7 March 1945.

The 78 FS’ mission was to provide close air support (CAS) for the Marines until the USAAF defeated the Japanese defenders. However, the 78 FS’ P-51s, armed with six, fifty-caliber machine guns, could not drop napalm, a more effective weapon against dug-in Japanese soldiers. The problem was fixed and in less than three weeks; there was little CAS then needed.

More significant than the description of the various missions flown by Yellin is the background of the events that took place in that theater of war. There is, for example, an excellent, albeit brief, history of China and Japan in the early 20th Century that highlights the Japanese rationale for its aggression

against Manchuria, China and Southeast Asia, as well as the US response following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The book also tells the reader why Iwo Jima was important enough to the war effort to cost the lives of 7,000 Marines in taking it. The Allies needed staging bases for fighters and bombers to support taking territory back from the Japanese, including the Marianas, Guam, Saipan and Tinian. From there, taking Iwo Jima—just 759 miles south of Tokyo—allowed P-51s, the aircraft that Yellin flew, to escort the B-29 bombers for the final push against Japan. Iwo Jima was key to that effort.



Author, Capt Jerry Yellin

Throughout the book, the authors do an excellent job of introducing various personalities, such as Maj James Tapp, Commander, 78 FS, and an air ace by war’s end, and 1st Lt Phillip Schlambert, another pilot in the 78th, and Yellin’s friend. Lt Schlambert was also the great-uncle of the movie star, Scarlett Johansson. There are diagrams and explanations of

fighter formations and tactics, and an overview of the tactics developed by General Curtis LeMay in Europe that were used against Germany. He would later bring them to the Pacific.

Similarly, the book is replete with the deeply felt feelings of Capt Yellin, who suffered from PTSD after the war, as he talks about his squadron mates and those lost. For example, he speaks of the loss of his friend and wingman, 1st Lt Schlambert, on that last, fateful mission of World War II that took place on 15 August 1945. Unbeknownst to either of them, that mission occurred three hours after the Japanese surrendered. Nonetheless, that experience is still keenly felt. In summary, *The Last Fighter Pilot* is an engaging and informative read. ★

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CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

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CHAIR, CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE (MOWW)

In keeping with the MOWW Constitution (Article VIII, Section 3) and MOWW Bylaws (Article IX, Section 3), the MOWW Constitution and Bylaws Committee presents three proposed amendments to these documents for consideration by all Companions of the Order. The Committee recommends their adoption and expressly presents them for consideration by, and the vote of, the Delegates to the MOWW Convention to be held in Columbus, GA, in August 2018.

1. Proposed Amendment #1. Improve MOWW, Inc., fiscal management by clarifying preexisting Constitutional language such that there will be only one Board of Trustees, i.e., the MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees. Thus, adoption of this amendment will disband the Gist Blair Board of Trustees as the Gist Blair Fund is managed by the MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, and neither the MOWW Constitution nor the Bylaws established the Gist Blair Board of Trustees.

- a. Current language (MOWW Constitution, Article V, Section 2, Paragraph C): “The members of the Board of Trustees of the funds of the Order will be elected to three-year terms by the General Staff at the Post-Convention Meeting of the General Staff, with one member being nominated by the Commander-in-Chief and elected by the General Staff in each year. In addition, one of three members of the Board of Trustees will be nominated by the Commander-in-Chief and elected by the General Staff to be the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the following year.”
- b. Proposed language (MOWW Constitution, Article V, Section 2, Paragraph C):
“The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW, Inc.) will have only one Board of Trustees comprised of three trustees nominated by the Commander-in-Chief (CINC) and confirmed to hold three-year terms by the General Staff at annual Convention. In addition, the CINC will nominate one of those three members as the Chair, MOWW,

Inc., Board of Trustees, and the General Staff in convention will confirm that CINC nomination annually. Trustee terms of office will overlap by one year to promote continuity of operations and financial stability. With one exception, no member of MOWW’s Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM), i.e., MOWW, Inc., Board of Directors, may be a member of the MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, and vice versa. That sole exception is a trustee’s membership in the Council of Past Commanders-in-Chief (CPC), e.g., a Past CINC’s election as the Chair, CPC, will not preclude their membership on the MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees.”

- c. Rationale:
 - 1) The MOWW Constitution, Article V, Section 1, Paragraph O, states the Order will have a MOWW Board of Trustees. Neither the MOWW Constitution nor the MOWW Bylaws mentions a Gist Blair Board of Trustees. Given the statutory existence of the MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, additional boards of trustees, e.g., the Gist Blair Board of Trustees, are neither authorized nor required—a conclusion with which the Chair, MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees agrees.
 - 2) While corporate directors and trustees both refer to individuals who have a corporate fiduciary duty to oversee the well-being of the corporate organization, this proposed amendment prevents inherent conflicts due to the differences in roles, responsibilities, authorities and liabilities of members of boards of directors vs. boards of trustees.



Thus, this amendment enhances separation of powers and reinforces accountability.

- 3) In having one MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, the Order conforms with standard corporate business structures and practices. The Chair, MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, indicates the trustees will exercise transparency by providing the proposed Finance Committee (née the Financial Working Group – FWG) with statements and transparency to accounts via cyberspace, during Quarterly Financial Review forums, and by other means and forums as required (see Proposed Amendment #2). Appropriate and timely trustee reports and actions will support enhanced financial management of MOWW, Inc. This process has begun in that the MOWW Trustees moved the Gist Blair Fund from being a stand-alone account to now residing with other investment accounts belonging to MOWW, Inc.

2. B. Proposed Amendment #2. Improve MOWW, Inc., fiscal management by adding language that establishes the Finance Committee, formerly the Financial Working Group (FWG), as a standing committee and disestablishes the current Budget Committee.

- a. Current language. MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1.B. says, “Except for the Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM), the following committees shall serve as Standing Committees of the General Staff and of the National Convention.” Paragraph 1.B. of the same authorizes a Budget Committee as a standing committee.
- b. Proposed language:
Change the MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1, to delete the “Budget Committee” and add the “Finance Committee.”
- c. Rationale:
 - 1) The Budget Committee is comprised of

the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVCINC) as the chair, and the four VCINCs as members. Its activities have been historically limited to reviewing the draft budget prepared by the national headquarters staff in coordination with the Treasurer General, typically at convention, i.e., mere days before the Business Session. Then, later as members of the EXCOM, i.e., MOWW, Inc.’s Board of Directors, the SVCINC and VCINCs approve the budget they proposed. This construct has not served the Order well in that it did not include all MOWW fiscal entities involved. Moreover, to the extent that it involved any other fiscal entities, such involvement was stove-piped, and a mix of formal and informal means, which affected transparency. This limited information-sharing precluded vertical and horizontal integration.

- 2) Consequently, in October 2014, the Chief of Staff and the Treasurer General began remedying this situation by establishing the Financial Working Group (FWG), which had the Chief and the Treasurer as Co-Chairs, and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVCINC) as a FWG member. The Executive Committee of the General Staff EXCOM established the FWG in October 2014. Shortly after its establishment, the Chairman, MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, and the Assistant Treasurer General were added as members to further integrate end-to-end corporate financial processes

and activities, i.e., from financial investment to budget execution. This adjustment, which also enhances continuity, was likewise approved by the MOWW, Inc., Board of Directors (EXCOM). Due to the geographically distributed nature of FWG members, meetings are held throughout the year via emails and teleconferences.



Quarterly meetings feature the review of defined financial exhibits.

3) The FWG has performed well even as the Budget Committee continued in its traditional manner. Since 2014, the FWG improved the Perpetual & Memorial (P&M) Dividend Process, and the IRS filing (IRS Fm 990-N ePostcard) and TG Certification (MOWW Fm 9) processes. It also defined the Planning, Programming, Budgeting & Execution (PPBE) Process and enhanced the MOWW, Inc., chart of accounts (COA), the latter serving as the foundation for a financial record keeping system, audits, etc. It also clarified the fiscal management roles and responsibilities of MOWW, Inc., and enhanced collaboration and corporate financial reporting.

4) This amendment also complements Proposed Amendment #1 above since it enables the VCINCs to continue their involvement in the annual budget process as members of the EXCOM, i.e., MOWW, Inc., Board of Directors, which approves MOWW, Inc., budgets.

3. Proposed Amendment #3. MOWW, Inc., disbands the Financial Development Committee as the Order has neither appointed any Companions to serve as committee members (no Companions have volunteered) nor has the committee raised any money for the Order since the committee's establishment in 2011.

a. Current language. MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1. "Except for the Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM), the following committees shall serve as Standing Committees of the General Staff and of the National Convention." Paragraph 1. G. of the same authorizes the Financial Development Committee as a standing committee.

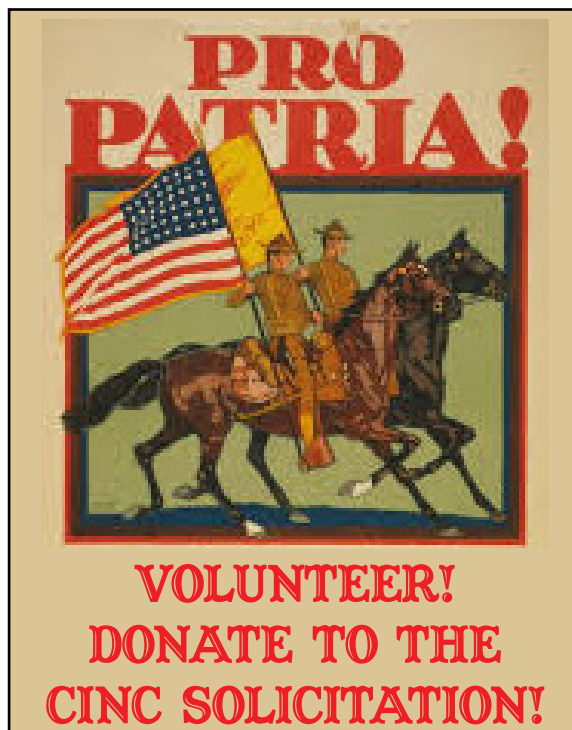
b. Proposed language: Change the MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1, to delete the "Financial Development Committee."

c. Rationale: Since being established in 2011, the committee has not recruited any Companions to serve on the Financial Development Committee and it has raised no money for the Order, and the prospect of those things happening is nil.

1) In addition, of the ten or more charitable foundations the Chair and Vice Chair have contacted, none of them were willing to donate to MOWW an IRC 501(c)(19) entity, despite being provided with a copy of the IRS tax-exempt determination letter.

2) In addition, none of the foundations contacted were interested in supporting the patriotic efforts of the MOWW. Instead, they preferred to focus their donations on IRC 501(c)(3) entities engaged in "STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs.

3) The Chair also tried to register MOWW in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) but discovered that such participation is limited to IRC 501(l)(3) organizations. ★



2018-2019 NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATES

PCINC LTC RUTH L. HAMILTON, USA (RET)
CHAIR, MOWW NOMINATING COMMITTEE



“IT IS NOBLER TO SERVE” VOLUNTEER AS A CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

The 2018 MOWW Convention will be held in August 2018 in Columbus, GA. Every Companion can fulfill the promise of MOWW’s motto, “It is nobler to serve than to be served,” by running for an elected leadership role or by volunteering for an appointed position. Become a candidate for national elected or appointed office!

Please email the following Companions with your candidacy preference.
Remember: you need a nominating official!

- **Chair, Nominating Committee**
IPCINC LTC Ruth L. Hamilton, USA (Ret)
ruth12345@aol.com

- **Vice Chair, Nominating Committee**
IPCINC COL Clay C. Le Grande, Jr, USA (Ret)
c.legrande@cox.net

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICE (TO DATE)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret) • SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LTC Charles S. Chamberlin, USA (Ret) • VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: (4):
<i>Note: the MOWW Constitution [Article V, Section 2, Paragraph A.2]], states, “Four each, with no two of whom coming from any one region.”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BGen Frederick R. Lopez, USMC (Ret) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region XIV o CDR Robert G. Hartman III, USN (Ret) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region IV o Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region VIII o Need a Candidate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region TBD (Can’t be Region IV, VIII, XIV) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TREASURER GENERAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LTC George A. Walker, USA (Ret) • JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o COL John A. Moriarty, JAG, USA (Ret) • SURGEON GENERAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o CPT (Dr) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Fmr) • CHAPLAIN GENERAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LTC Cheryl D. Brady, USA (Ret) • HISTORIAN GENERAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LTC Arthur B. Fowler, USA (Ret) • GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS—ELECTED (AT-LARGE, 5): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o COL Erwin Burtnick, USA (Ret) o CDR George T. Parsons, USN (Ret) o LTC William E. Rapp, USA (Ret) o LTC Don B. Munson, USA (Ret) o LTC King Moss II, USA (Ret) |
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See you at the 2018 National MOWW Convention in Columbus, Georgia—
The Peach State!





2018 MOWW CONVENTION TOURS

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



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)

2018 MOWW CONVENTION AGENDA

GOLF TOURNEY

MONDAY, 6 AUGUST 2018 | MOWW GOLF TOURNEY

TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0715-1700	TOUR 1: 2018 MOWW GOLF TOURNEY	GREEN ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB		ALL CONFEREES

CORPORATE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2018 | PRE-CONVENTION EXCOM / BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0700-0945	PRE-CONVENTION EXCOM	(BOX SQUARE, 16)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	EXCOM MBRS
1030-1130	MOWW BOARD OF TRUSTEES	(BOX SQUARE, 16)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	TRUSTEES
	<i>LUNCH AS DESIRED</i>			
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, MCGLAMRY, KILPATRICK, MORRISON & NORWOOD LAW OFc)			EXCOM MBRS

"ALL HANDS" TOUR

WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2018 | "ALL HANDS TOUR" / HANN-BUSWELL MEMORIAL CHAPTER MEETING

TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0845-1430	TOUR 2: NAT'L INFANTRY MUSEUM & NAT'L CIVIL WAR NAVAL MUSEUM ("ALL HANDS TOUR")			ALL CONFEREES
1530-1630	HANN-BUSWELL CHAPTER MEETING	(CLASSROOM, 50)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	H-B CHAP MBRS

HISTORIC MARRIOTT HOTEL = MH 2018 MOWW CONVENTION TRADE CENTER = TC

THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST 2018 | WORKSHOPS / CINC WELCOME BUFFET

TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0845-1400	TOUR 3: WARM SPRINGS, FDR LITTLE WHITE HOUSE SITE & WARM SPRINGS WINERY			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
	<i>LUNCH AS DESIRED</i>			
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

FRIDAY, 10 AUGUST 2018 | NATIONAL ELECTIONS / COMMANDERS' CALL / COMMITTEE CHAIRS' CALL

TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	ATTENDEES
0700-0830	COUNCIL OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF	(BOX SQUARE, 20)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	CPC MBRS
0845-0915	NATIONAL CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS (AV)	(BANQUET, 225)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
0915-1015	NATIONAL DELEGATE VOTING (AV)	(BANQUET, 225)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	NOM CMTE DEL
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
	<i>DINNER AS DESIRED</i>			
1800-2100	HANN-BUSWELL CHAPTER DINNER (AV)	(BANQUET, 60)	EMPIRE MILLS, MH	MBRS/GUESTS

SATURDAY, 11 AUGUST 2018 | MEMORIAL SERVICE / CONVENTION SESSIONS / CINC BANQUET

TIME	EVENT	SET-UP	ROOM	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)	(CLASSROOM, 200)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
	<i>LUNCH AS DESIRED</i>			
1315-1515	MOWW CONVENTION GEN STAFF (AV)	CLASSROOM, 200)	SYCAMORE A/C, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1800-1850	CINC RECEIVING LINE & RECEPTION	(RECEPTION, 225)	FOUNDRY HALL, TC	ALL CONFEREES
1900-2100	CINC BANQUET (AV)	(BANQUET, 225)	THE FOUNDRY, TC	ALL CONFEREES

CORPORATE MEETINGS

SUNDAY, 12 AUGUST 2018 | POST-CONVENTION EXCOM

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 REGISTRATION

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REGISTRANTS

ATTENDEE RANK: _____ SERVICE: _____ FULL NAME: _____

Chapter Name _____ Region _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Companion: Yes / No

All Current Office(s) Held: _____

★ Need ADA-Compliant Room: YES / NO ★ Dietary Requirements: _____

ATTENDEE RANK: _____ SERVICE: _____ FULL NAME: _____

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Phone _____ Email _____ Companion: Yes / No

All Current Office(s) Held: _____

★ Need ADA-Compliant Room: YES / NO ★ Dietary Requirements: _____

MEALS

COMPANION REGISTRATION: NLT 1 Jul: \$240; After 1 Jul: \$270/person # _____ x \$240 = \$ _____

★ COMPANIONS: PRICE INCLUDES ALL CONVENTION EVENTS AND MEALS. TOURS EXTRA

- a. CINC Welcome Buffet (INCLUDED), 9 Aug. Menu options: Buffet
- b. MOWW Awards Luncheon (INCLUDED), 10 Aug.
 - Entrée Options: Sliced Beef Brisket (B); Georgian Chicken (C), Salmon w/Lemon Dill Sauce (F)
 - Entrée-Code-Amount (e.g., B-1, C-1, F-1): _____
- c. CINC Banquet (INCLUDED), 11 Aug.
 - Entrée Options: Grilled Steak Medallions (B); Chicken Victoria (C); Chef's Seasonal Vegetables (V)
 - Entrée Code-Amount (e.g., B-1, C-1, V-1): _____

NON-COMPANION À LA CARTE MEAL PRICES (ONLY):

★ NON-COMPANIONS: PRICE ONLY INCLUDES À LA CARTE MEALS. OTHER CONVENTION EVENTS NOT INCLUDED. TOURS EXTRA

- a. CINC Welcome Buffet (9 Aug) à la carte price # _____ x \$40 = \$ _____
- b. Awards Luncheon (10 Aug) à la carte price. # _____ x \$40 = \$ _____
 - Entrée Options: Sliced Beef Brisket (B); Georgian Chicken, (C); Salmon w/Lemon Dill Sauce (F)
 - Entrée Code-Amount (e.g., B-1; C-1; F-1): _____
- c. CINC Banquet (11 Aug). Non-Companion à la carte price. # _____ x \$55 = \$ _____
 - Entrée Options: Grilled Steak Medallions (B); Chicken Victoria (C); Chef's Seasonal Vegetables (V)
 - Entrée Code-Amount (e.g., B-1, C-1, V-1): _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

TOURS

- Tour 1: MOWW Golf Tourney | Green Island Country Club (6 Aug) # _____ x \$55 = \$ _____
- Tour 2: Nat'l Infantry Museum & Nat'l Civil War Naval Museum (8 Aug) # _____ x \$40 = \$ _____
- Tour 3: Warm Springs & FDR Little White House Site (9 Aug) # _____ x \$60 = \$ _____
- Tour 4: Springer Opera House | lunch included (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.



PREPARE FOR THE 2018 MOWW CONVENTION!

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

Dear MOWW Commanders and Companions,

Now is the time for chapters to prepare to attend the 2018 MOWW Convention (to achieve this CINC priority), and to prepare 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 their respective National Citations via 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 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 award recipients are announced. Late submissions will not be accepted.

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO THIS! ★



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



SAN DIEGO'S INCREDIBLE 61ST MOC

CDR GEORGE T. (TED) PARSONS, USN (RET)
COMMANDER, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER, CA

Wow! The San Diego Chapter's 2017 Massing of Colors on 21 October was an outstanding success! Many of those attending told other Companions how much they enjoyed the ceremony.

Companion Lt Col Ken Fousel, USAF (Ret), said "I have attended every Massing of Colors for about the last 30 years, except four. This one was the best one! I don't know where you found your keynote speaker, but he was good!" One first-time

attendee emphatically stated, "I thought the ceremony was wonderful. I will be back next year!" Maj Alan Kholos, USAF (Fmr), flew all the way from Israel to attend—he should receive an award for traveling the farthest. Alan really enjoyed the ceremony. His dad, Col Clark Kholos, USAF (Ret), was highly complimentary of the team and the ceremony.

Others present included 17 attendees from Lt Col Ken Fousel's retirement community. Bea and Jo Brunner brought people from other veteran organizations: CAPT Thomas Marshall, Jr, USN (Ret), and Kathleen Marshall. Mr. Craig Noble, HPM, Ms Barbara Peralta, HPM, PCINC Capt Debbie Kash, USAF (Ret), and Capt Dan Kash, USAF (Fmr), also participated in the planning and program. Craig arranged the background music. Barbara, as our Chaplain, delivered the Invocation, blessing of the flags, Service of Remembrance, and the Benediction. Fr (CAPT) Ted Atwood, Jr, USN (Ret), past MOWW Chaplain General, also shared how special the ceremony was. Another first-time attendee came to the stage afterward, crying with emotion about the ceremony. Will Hays was a flag bearer for the Pearl Harbor Survivors. We were also pleased to receive the membership application of (now) Companion CDR Tom Pocklington, USN (Ret)!

Fifty color guards marched. We had many first-time units from the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA), and active duty military units. The Morse High Drum Corps provided the marching music. Lars Staack, Bill Foss and Keith Lochner, all JROTC instructors, brought their color guards and assisted in the color guard procession.

One key to success was MOWW's Pendleton Chapter. Capt "TG" Vallas designed the BSA-MOC patch that was given to those who participated in uniform. His remarkable initiative and brilliant idea of the MOWW Massing of the Colors Boy Scout patches resulted in his providing his design input to a unique and beautiful patch. As a result, he and the designer personally presented 90 patches to the deserving scouts and scouters from many BSA units!



Annette Rodriguez, from GSUSA Troop 5912, led the Pledge of Allegiance for San Diego Chapter's 2017 Massing of Colors.



STRATEGIC GOAL 2: STRENGTHEN CHAPTER OUTREACH PROGRAMS



Keynote speaker Maj Derek Abbey, USMC (Ret).

Annette Rodriguez from GSUSA Troop 5912, only nine years old, impressively led our Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Paula-Jo Cahoon was so enthusiastic as she sang our National Anthem. She is the Honorary State President of Daughters of 1812. Adrienne Santa Romana from GSUSA Troop 8167 delivered an impassioned recitation of “My Name is Old Glory.”

Our keynote speaker was Maj Derek Abbey, USMC (Ret). Derek was our 2016-2017 Chapter Veteran of the Year and our nominee for County Veteran of the Year last year and for 2017-2018. He shared several stories of others and his own experiences honoring our flag. His presentation received numerous compliments!

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Rifle Detail of nine members delivered the three volleys for our fallen servicemen and women. Then, Cpl Jacob Anderson (USMC) and Sgt Kyle Lota (USMC) played Echo Taps.



San Diego High School & Madison High School JROTC units

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Nancy Hanks Lincoln Tent #5, participated for the first time. The colors were carried by San Diego High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) all-girl unit. They carried two US flags—the current US flag and a replica of the Fort Sumter flag, which is the flag that was carried at the beginning of the American Civil War. It has a unique pattern as there are 33 stars in the field of blue. The Tent (chapter) Banner they carried is vintage as it is from 1920. The Tent was organized in 1909.

The San Diego Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, have participated in every Massing since the inception. The Madison High School's all-girl JROTC Color Guard represented the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The DAR chapter providing the Colonial Ladies Color Guard was the Letitia Coxe Shelby Chapter.

Last, we look forward to our next MOC. Our 2018 Massing of the Colors is 13 October 2018, 10:30-11:30 AM, at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. ★



An enthusiastic turn out by the Boy Scouts helped to make the MOC a huge success.



VOLUNTEERING IS THE ORDER'S LIFEBLOOD

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

Volunteering, like chicken soup, is good for the soul. It's good for those volunteering and it's good for those who volunteers serve.

Valeria Garcia, Community Engagement Coordinator, VISTA, wrote about this goodness:

Studies have shown that individuals who volunteer tend to experience lower levels of stress, [and] feel a greater sense of purpose in their lives....

However, the impacts of volunteering extend far beyond personal benefits. The unique skills and knowledge volunteers provide to local organizations are critical in fostering social inclusion, serving marginalized groups, and promoting community renewal.

Volunteers have the ability to provide a unique insight into the needs of their community and make a positive impact on the day-to-day lives of others.¹

A 2011 report, "Social Impact of Volunteerism," by the Points of Light Institute, founded by former President George H. W. Bush, also notes other ways that volunteers promote goodness.

Civic engagement

The report concludes that volunteering promotes civic participation and advocacy among citizens—a desired outcome of MOWW's Youth Leadership Conferences, for example. The report also found that students who participate in community service throughout high school were more likely to vote and continue volunteering into adulthood. Going from

participating to a deeper involvement in community engagement improves understanding of societal issues and motivates interest in creating positive change—patriotic citizenship.

Cohesive communities

Serving others also fosters a desire to bring people together from different social sectors to work toward a common goal. Nonprofits, e.g., MOWW, often rely on collaboration with government and private sector entities to achieve their missions. Community support, partnerships, networking, funding, and participating in events create opportunities for service organizations to help build strong and inclusive communities.

Improved education

Youth education-focused nonprofits such as MOWW are some of the most sought-after organizations with which to volunteer and partner. They are key to enhancing student learning, and they help students be more confident about their abilities and potential—now and the future.

When individuals, such as GEN Barry R. McCafferty, our Distinguished Service Award recipient, dedicate their time and talent to serving others, they improve lives and transform communities. Volunteers are the heart of our Order. Their volunteerism is essential to achieving our vision of all citizens having the patriotic commitment, skills, tools and experience to reach their full potential. ★



1. "Communities Thrive When Volunteers Unite," Valeria Garcia, 8 July 2016

Additional Source: Social Impact of Volunteerism," Points of Light Institute, 2011

KEEP VETERANS IN THE GAME

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

Being the Surgeon General of the Military Order has allowed me to follow, for an extended time, the various stages of soldiers and soldiering. First, to credit the stories we tell, we each may have been the champion of “truth, justice and the American way,” while making the world safe for democracy. Logically, the next stage comes after a lengthy military or civilian career, i.e., the more cerebral and activist stage of soldiering. This is the stage most of our MOWW Companions are enjoying today.

While acknowledging the past adventures of patriots continues, veterans still want to continue being a part of as many meaningful activities as possible today to encourage patriotism and service to the nation. In doing that, veterans are committed to “leave no one behind,” i.e., leave no veteran uninvolved.

For those of us no longer engaged in an active military or civilian career, or who are battling health or other enemies, we can still take on other less demanding tasks supporting the good work of the Military Order. The challenges of PTSD, the VA system, disability qualifications and the burden of caring for fellow veterans, along with addictions or homelessness, need action from each of us.

Even though some veterans organizations to which I belong have members who show signs of “maturity” in the form of a cane, etc., it is still important to keep veterans in the game. In short,

the motives that made us warriors and patriots in the first place still exist today and will continue to do so into the future. Volunteering allows that.

MOWW’s mission to support ROTC, scouting, memorials, patriotic education and veterans is worthy of each of us. While there are some purely social organizations, most Veteran Service Organizations (VSO), such as the Military Order of the World Wars, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, are devoted to helping and supporting veterans. Veteran involvement with these or other VSOs all help to keep the flame alive. Additionally, it is our duty to speak out on veteran and patriotic issues whenever possible—to large and small groups.

Our continuing veteran involvement lets others know that even in confusing times, a solid foundation of inclusive patriots still exists and is still serving—regardless the veteran’s stage of life. As involved Companions, you can accurately pass on history from an actual participant’s perspective to those who are far removed from such events—and be involved in outreach programs today. Such activities may be tailored to fit the capabilities and stage of life of the Companion to let them continue playing a vital part in today’s world. So, make keeping in the game an active part of your life.

Be well. ★



SURRENDERED TO SERVE

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

All of us must count the cost of service in the Order. We must ask ourselves whether we are willing to pay the price in this generation for our posterity for another 100 years? Are we willing to give a full measure of devotion to accomplish our Five Strategic Goals? Every member of a team has a task, a duty to perform. Every member relies on each other for success. We are called to bear one another's burden, but each person must carry his own load.

MOWW is a unique organization needing an uncompromising commitment from its members to accomplish its mission. That uncompromising commitment will come from those who have surrendered themselves to serve. When someone voluntarily surrenders, he places himself in the custody and under the authority of another. We have a great example in Abel. His story is the oldest one I have read of a volunteer whose life was surrendered to serve God. He gave an offering of the best that he had. Abel gave his last full measure of devotion to a cause in which he believed. Though Abel is dead, he still speaks to us.

“He who serves God with what costs him nothing will do very little service, you may depend on it.”

— Susan Warner

Our life of service will also speak for us, as does our founder—General Pershing—long after we are gone. When we offer the best in service, our lives will speak through

those whom we impact. We will not have run this race in vain. Instead, our labor will result in a harvest of patriotic souls. As we walk in faith, we see future generations carrying on our ideals. We serve now for the good of those who will follow us.

Ultimately, everything we do serves an eternal purpose. Sustained service takes an act of deliberate surrender to self. It takes humility and a servant's heart to live as one surrendered to serve. This is never possible in our own wisdom and strength. Without God, we can do nothing. God works all things according to the counsel of His will. It takes the grace of God, for it is God who works in us, both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Who but God knows the eternal impact of a life surrendered to serve? Will yours be that life, for the good of the Order? ★





Gen Meade Chapter, MD

General Meade Chapter's Annual Law & Order Awards

BY LT COL SHELDON GOLDBERG, USAF (RET)

On 20 February, the General George G. Meade chapter held its annual “Law & Order Luncheon,” honoring the “Officer of the Year” from Maryland’s Anne Arundel and Howard Counties. There was a large turnout of law enforcement officers from the surrounding area and a large showing of Companions to recognize these outstanding young men. Each of the senior police officers and the Anne Arundel County (MD), State’s Attorney addressed the attendees. Chapter Commander COL Erwin Burtnick, USA (Ret), presented a MOWW Merit Award for Outstanding Service to each Officer of the Year.

Top (L-R): Capt Brian Kunkel (Ft. Meade PD), Chief Terrance Sheridan (Baltimore County PD), Lt Dan Long (Executive Officer, Anne Arundel County PD), Capt Jeffrey Silverman (Western District Commander, Anne Arundel County PD), COL Erwin Burtnick, USA (Ret) (General Meade Chapter Commander), PFC Shaun Buentje (Anne Arundel County PD), Sheriff Ron Bateman (Anne Arundel County PD) and Police Officer Brent Riddle (Howard County PD), who displays his MOWW Merit Award for Outstanding Service.

Second row, left: Mr. Wes Adams, State’s Attorney, Anne Arundel County (MD), addresses attendees.

Second row, center (L-R): Chief Gary Gardner, PO Brent Riddle (Howard County Officer of the Year), and COL Burtnick.

Second row, right(L-R): Capt. Jeffrey Silverman; PFC Shaun Buentje (Anne Arundel County Officer of the Year) and Chapter Commander COL Erwin Burtnick, USA (Ret).

Photographs: CW3 Kirk Conover, USA (Ret)





Monterey Bay Chapter, CA

For the Good of the Order

BY LT COL DAVID J. WORLEY, USAF (RET)

Region XIV Commander, Lt Col David J. Worley, USAF (Ret), was in Monterey, CA, to attend the first chapter meeting in nearly four years! We inducted a new Companion, LCDR Arlington “Arly” La Mica, USN (Ret), and installed him as the new, Monterey Bay Chapter Commander. LCDR La Mica is enthusiastic and looking

forward to moving the chapter forward with new members the chapter plans to recruit. The chapter’s bank account was reinstated and are working with our MOWW’s Treasurer General toward reinstating their tax-exempt status. The Region IV Treasurer will assist with the paperwork, bringing these actions to closure in the next several months.

Department of Northern California Commander, CW4 Patrick L. Clark, USA (Ret), took the chapter’s revitalization as his personal mission to complete. Former Chapter Commander CDR Jack Branson, Jr., USN (Ret), was also relentless in getting the bank account squared away and worked with CW4 Clark to make everything come together.



Columbus Chapter, GA

Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame Portrait Unveiling Ceremony

LTC ROGER J. BARROS, USA (RET)

Don Dakin, the Chapter’s JROTC Coordinator, and Dr. David Lewis, Superintendent of Education for the Muscogee County School District, Columbus, GA, chaperoned 17 Army, Air Force and Marine Corps JROTC Cadets to the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame Portrait Unveiling Ceremony in Atlanta, GA, on 26 February 2018. Each cadet had served as the personal escort to an individual inductee at the November 2017 Induction Ceremony, and unveiled the official portraits of Georgia’s true heroes.”



Hampton Roads Chapter, VA

2017 Phoenician Award Presentation to Xavier Diaz

BY COL WILLIAM E. TOWNSLEY, USAF (RET)



Xavier Diaz, 18, received national recognition from PCINC CAPT Russell Vowinkel, USN (Ret), on 24 February 2018 at the New Jersey One-Day Youth Leadership Conference. Xavier received the 2017 MOWW Phoenician Award, placing first among myriad other top students from all other MOWW Youth Leadership Conferences nationwide. He received a framed certificate, a letter from the CINC, a CINC challenge coin, as well as a check for \$2,000. In addition to

the previously-mentioned recognition, Xavier received the Patrick Henry Bronze Award from COL Joe Kirlin, the Philadelphia Chapter Commander.

Xavier was chosen as the outstanding student attending the Philadelphia Chapter's Spirit of America Youth Conference, 20-23 April 2017, at the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA. The conference staff and chaperons selected Xavier as the outstanding student because he demonstrated all of the selection criteria of decorum, leadership, participation, attentiveness, and communication skills. Xavier's attentiveness and participation in both large group and small committee sessions was notable. He especially demonstrated leadership in communicating appropriate ideas for his committee's planning and execution of their assigned project. It is also evident that Xavier possesses exceptional leadership and speaking qualities as he was selected to be the Commander, Camden High School Army JROTC unit. Those honoring Xavier, almost 65 family, students, JROTC instructors, teachers and YLC staff from MOWW, applauded his singular achievement.

Inset, (L-R): YLC Coordinator, LTC Russell Gallagher, USA (Ret); PCINC CAPT Russell Vowinkel, USN (Ret); The 2017 MOWW Phoenician Award First Place winner, C/LTC Xavier Diaz; Philadelphia Chapter Commander, COL Joseph Kirlin, USA (Ret), and; Essay Advisor, Mr. David Nelthropp.





MajGen Pendleton Chapter, CA

Chapter Goes Vintage Again

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

MOWW met the public for the second year at the Fallbrook Vintage Car Show with a booth. The primary goal was to raise public awareness of MOWW. PCINC Capt Debbie Kash and MajGen Pendleton

Chapter Commander, Capt Dan Kash, represented both the San Diego and MajGen Pendleton Chapters. LtCol Chuck Palmer and CDR Joe Beyer of the MajGen Pendleton Chapter also manned the booth. GA Bradley-COL Hanson Chapter Companion, MAJ Howard Lewis, was nearby directing visitors to us. Some approximate statistics on materials distributed: 340 Massing of the Colors information cards, five copies of *The Officer Review*®, ten YLC brochures and five insulated MOWW bags from the 2012 National Convention. Some of the contacts made included Scout leaders, high school teachers or staff, potential YLC students and prospective MOWW Companions.



Puget Sound Chapter, WA

Washington State Patriotic Day

BY LT JOHN McCONNEL, USNR (FMR)

The Washington State Patriotic Day event was a great success and was accompanied by 80 organizational flag units. Many thanks to all Companions who spent numerous hours in the preparation of our display of Patriotism for the community.

A special thank you to America's First Corps Band (JBLM) and speaker MG Willard Burleson, 7th ID Commander JBLM, who contributed to the outstanding program.





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