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Dear Companions of the Military Order,

Welcome to the Military Order's 100th year! We are here today because of the work of the Companions who came before us. To give meaning to their legacy, we need to strengthen our Order and support future Companions—most of whom are not yet born. To do this, I need your help.

In addition to achieving all Strategic Goals, my intent is for us to end the year with a net positive number of Companions for the Order. Recruiting is key to this. While most Companions do not recruit (an issue for us), all Companions can ensure new Companions are welcomed at chapter meetings and assisted in being involved in chapter activities. We also need to identify and mentor new Companions who can serve in leadership roles. When I visit you, please introduce me to two or three Companions you believe can be our new leaders.

We have many great activities of which we should be proud: YLCs and Massing of the Colors; Veteran outreach; ROTC, Scouting and Law & Order recognition programs, and; National and Homeland Security programs. Our name and our motto, "It is nobler to serve than to be served," can and will attract new members, but only if each of us tells them about MOWW as we recruit them.

At the end of WWI, General Pershing wrote a message to all AEF members in the form of a personal letter. The last part is still appropriate for us today:

By your exemplary conduct a standard has been established and maintained never before attained by any army. With mind and body as clean and strong as the decisive blows you delivered against the foes, you are soon to return to the pursuits of peace. In leaving the scenes of your victories, may I ask that you carry home your high ideals and continue to live as you have served—an honor to the principles for which you have fought and to the fallen comrades you leave behind.

I am honored to be your 89th Commander-in-Chief. Together we can ensure a bright and lasting future our Order in keeping with General Pershing's vision. I'm committed to achieving that bright future in partnership with each of you.

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The Order elected LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret), as the Military Order's 88th Commander-in-Chief (CINC)





**CINC LTC JOHN H.
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CINC LTC Hollywood was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1968, following graduation from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, CA. During his career he had assignments with the 82nd Airborne and 1st Infantry Divisions, several intelligence organizations, including one in Berlin, Germany, that resulted in the arrest of an East German agent trying to recruit American military personnel for the Soviet Union. He also served with the Army Recruiting Command and taught at two Army service schools. After his retirement he worked in the financial services industry, ending as the Managing Partner of Rosenzweig, Hollywood & McDowell, a financial services firm in Bethesda, MD. He is currently an Adjunct Associate Professor at University of Maryland University College. In the Military Order of the World Wars, he has served as a VCINC, Treasurer General, General Staff Officer, (elected); Senior Vice Commander Region IV, Department of Maryland Commander, Commander of the GEN Meade Chapter. He has a Master's Degree in Sociology from the University of Arizona and an MBA from Northwestern University. ★



**SVCINC LTC CHARLES S.
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SVCINC LTC Chamberlin is a 1960 Texas A&M Distinguished Military Graduate, receiving a BS degree in Industrial Engineering. He also holds a Master of Business Administration degree (Fairleigh Dickinson University). His 20 years of US Army service included: 101st Abn Div; 10th SFG (Abn) (Co Cmdr); 5th SFG (Abn) (Vietnam); Career Course Distinguished Graduate; USMA Tactical Off; USAFA Army Exchange Officer; MACV J-6 (Vietnam); 9th Inf Div (Battalion XO); Army C&GS College; NMCC JCS (Pentagon), Emergency Action Officer; 2nd Inf Div (Battalion Cmdr) and The Defense Communications Agency as Implementation Branch Chief. He wears the Combat Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Jump Wings, German and Vietnamese Jump Wings, and the JCS Badge. After his 1981 Army retirement, he was a telecommunications executive for 28 years (14 years as a corporate vice president). He joined MOWW in 2004, serving as the Dallas Chapter's Junior Vice Commander and Chapter Commander, and as the Region VIII Commander. He was the Chair, Council of Area Commanders, and served on the EXCOM. He is an Outstanding Service Award, Silver and Gold Patrick Henry Medal recipient. ★



**VCINC BGEN FREDERICK R.
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VCINC BGen Lopez served 31 years on active duty and in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. His tours of duty include 13 months in Vietnam (1968-1969), including duty as a Rifle Platoon Commander (Vietnam) and Sniper Platoon Commander (Vietnam), Company Commander, S-3 Operations Officer, Infantry Battalion Commander, Assistant Division Commander, Commanding General 4th Marine Division, and Deputy Commanding General 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. Medals and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," the Navy Commendation Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon and numerous other decorations and badges, including the Navy & Marine Corps Parachutist Wings. He holds a BS (Mathematics) from California Polytechnic (San Luis Obispo) and an MS (Computer Science) from West Coast University. He retired from Raytheon Company in 2007 as a Director of Engineering, Electronic Warfare Systems. He has been a Companion in MOWW for 19 years, holding command positions at the chapter, department and region levels, General Staff Officer (Elected), and his current position as Vice Commander-in-Chief. ★



**VCINC CDR ROBERT F.
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VCINC CDR Hartman graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1969. Until 1974, he was on active duty as a Surface Warfare Officer, serving on destroyers and minesweepers, and in a research and development project (Surface Effect Ships). In 1974, he transferred to the Naval Reserve as an Active Reservist (1974-1989) in units supporting the Military Sealift Command, the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commander, Atlantic Fleet. In 1975, he earned a BA in Accounting (University of South Florida), became a CPA in 1977 and worked in public accounting until 1979. He then was the Vice President of Accounting, later Chief Financial Officer, of a Navy contractor. He retired in 2007. During this time, he earned an MBA. (George Washington University) and completed the Naval Command & Staff Program. He formed his own company in 2009 preparing individual and small business tax returns. He is active in the local Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and other community organizations. In 2010, CDR Hartman became a Perpetual Member of MOWW and joined the Gen Meade Chapter. He has served as Chapter Treasurer, Chapter Commander and Director of the National Capital Area YLC, and Treasurer General of the Order. ★



**VCINC MAJ ROBERT J.
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VCINC Maj Williams was commissioned by the United States Air Force in 1969. He wears the Master Aircraft Maintenance Badge and has served as an aircraft maintenance officer at Ellsworth AFB, U-Tapao Airfield, Offutt AFB, Chanute AFB; RAF Mildenhall and Minot AFB. Retiring in 1988, he next spent 24 years with FlightSafety International as an Instructional Developer and Project Specialist, retiring again in 2014. As a Companion, he was the Fort Worth Chapter Junior Vice, Senior Vice and Chapter Commander. He was also the Chair, Scouting Committee, a General Staff Officer, an appointed EXCOM member, and the Adjutant/Treasurer and Commander, Region VIII. He is a recipient of MOWW's Gold and Silver Patrick Henry Medals, Outstanding Service Medal, Outreach Service Medal, Membership Medal with bronze hour glass, James E. Baird National Scouting Award, MOWW-BSA Community Service Award, and several National Citations. ★



**VCINC CPT PAULA R.
MITCHELL, Ed.D., USAR (RET)**

VCINC CPT Mitchell holds a BSN (Graceland University), an MSN (University of Texas-Austin) and an Ed.D. in Educational Administration (New Mexico State University). She served in the Army Student Nurse Program and the Army Nurse Corps from 1971-1978, and she had tours at Fort Leonard Wood, Fort Bragg, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, and the 121st Evacuation Hospital, Army Support Command (ASCOM), Korea. She was the Volunteer Coordinator, West Texas Medical Reserve Corps (2006-2014), and Chair, El Paso Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), from 2013-2015. Inducted into the El Paso Commission for Women's Hall of Fame, she received the Texas Society of Allied Health Professions (TSAHP) Distinguished Service Award and the National Institute of Staff & Organization Development (NISOD) Excellence Award. She was the Commander, MOWW's El Paso Chapter from 2012-2016 and the Commander, Department of the Rio Grande (2012-15). She was Junior Vice Commander, Region XIII (2015-2016), and is a recipient of MOWW's Silver Patrick Henry, Outstanding Service Award, and National Citation. ★





CINC LTC JOHN H. HOLLYWOOD, USA (RET)



“GEN McCaffrey, general and flag officers, Past Commanders in Chief, Commanders, Companions and honored guests, welcome to the start of the 100th year of the Military Order of the World Wars.

Before I share some thoughts, I want to publicly thank Colonel Dave Gibson for the super job he did as

CINC this past year. He is an inspiring leader who worked diligently to improve the Order. As in all things, he was helped immensely by his wife, Diane. So, my thanks to you both of you for a job well done.

When I was a lieutenant, one of the first things I had to do was join the Officer's Club. The units I belonged to used the club for happy hours, events like dining-ins, promotion parties and special events. The club was a place where you could talk to your boss in an informal atmosphere along with other members of the command.

Now, officer, NCO and enlisted clubs have gone away. Younger officers never had an officer's club to go to and I've been surprised to learn that some recent retirees also didn't have that experience. I bring this up because in my mind MOWW is a unique organization. We are, in fact, a place where military officers can feel at home, where we have similar values, have been to many of the same places and done many of the same things.

Let me tell you how I joined the Order. I went to the “dark side” and was running for the Maryland House of Delegates. At a “meet and greet,” Past CINC

LTC Alfred Shehab asked me to join MOWW. I knew about the Order since I saw the flag in the officer's club when I was on active duty. However, I wasn't really interested since I was a Vietnam Veteran and not a World War II one. MOWW membership was \$40 bucks and I said, “OK, I'll join.”

When I went to my first chapter meeting, Joanne and I were welcomed and shown to a table with other Companions that PCINC Shehab thought we'd like. This occurred the first few times we went. I felt very comfortable since we had similar backgrounds, where folks actually welcomed you and knew your name. Then, I was encouraged to participate in chapter activities, starting with a Massing of the Colors, and then becoming a Junior Vice Commander. I went to my first convention, here in Columbus, GA, and as the saying goes, the rest is history.

I tell this story for a couple of reasons. First, someone asked me to join the Order. If they hadn't, I wouldn't be here. I'm not aware of anyone who showed up at a chapter meeting out of the blue and said, “I want to join MOWW!” Second, I was welcomed when I went to chapter meetings. Those meetings had interesting speakers and I enjoyed the experience. Third, I was given a job and moved up the chapter leadership ladder. Fourth, I was mentored in what the Order was, how it functioned and how it served others. I was given opportunities to grow. If not, I probably would have just been a “social member” of MOWW.

Not everyone is a recruiter, but it is helpful to be able to explain what the Order is and what it does. The follow-up is to make sure that the potential Companion is made to feel welcome when they come to meetings. Prior to a Companion installation ceremony, I recommend that a brief biography of the new Companion be read. That way, chapter Companions know more about the new member. Once a new Companion joins the chapter, make

sure he or she has a job to do—even if it is as a Third Assistant Junior Vice Commander. Also have interesting meetings and guest speakers.

This is how the Strategic Goals supported my involvement and growth in the Order.

- The first Strategic Goal, Recruiting, Involvement and Retention, got me in the door.
- I participated in the Massing of the Colors and then YLCs, and that was the second Strategic Goal, Outreach.
- As I grew in the Order, I got involved with trying to get publicity for my chapter, our third Strategic Goal.
- This was followed by training Companions and leadership teams so they knew what to expect and how to fill the roles required of them in the Order, the fourth Strategic Goal.
- Finally, to the fifth Strategic Goal, we should recognize excellence in fellow Companions, chapters and our local communities.

I'm no different than any other Companion who joins the Order. Each Companion is looking for something, and if you are careful with the care and feeding of new Companions, they will grow into assets for the Order and the nation.

The Chinese proverb says, "Many hands make light work." I can't do it alone. I need your help so the Order continues as a successful, vibrant organization.

So, here is what I will ask of you as my fellow Companions. We have an annual membership goal of four percent. However, some chapters haven't recruited anyone. For the 100th year of the Order, I'm asking all chapters to recruit and track their progress at each chapter meeting so they at least achieve that four percent goal. Then, once new folks are recruited, involve and mentor them.

One more thought on mentoring, when I visit chapters or regions, please introduce me to Companions you feel should be identified as future leaders of the Order. They are the future. We need quality folks to replace all of us. We tell Perpetual Members that the Order will never forget you. But, if there is no Order, that's hard to do.

Since we are starting our 100th year, I strongly urge all of you to attend the 2019 National Convention in California. It will definitely be an event to remember. I look forward to seeing all of you there. Let's work together so future Companions can celebrate the Order's 200th year." ★



“WE ARE A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION”

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



THE 2018 MOWW CONVENTION WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS BY ANY MEASURE. THE COLUMBUS CHAPTER (GA) EFFORT, LED BY CHAPTER PROJECT OFFICER CPT LEO GOODSSELL (COMMANDER, GEORGIA DEPARTMENT) AND HIS TEAM, EXCELLED IN MAKING SUPERB HOTEL, CONVENTION CENTER AND TOUR ARRANGEMENTS. EVEN MORE, THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT (CCG), LED BY MAYOR TERESA TOMLINSON, WENT OUT OF ITS WAY TO ENSURE MOWW CONFEREES WERE WELL CARED-FOR DURING THEIR STAY AS THEY ENJOYED THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AND THE HOSPITALITY OF ITS PEOPLE.

PRE-CONVENTION (6-8 August 2018)

Convention-related festivities kicked off as they always do with the 6 August MOWW Golf Tourney. This year it was held at the beautiful Green Island Country Club, which is nestled amongst the beautiful pine forests overlooking the serene waters of Lake Oliver. These avid golfers were later feted on 9 August during the much-enjoyed CINC Welcome Buffet.

Tuesday, 7 August, was a day of business. Not only was the traditional Pre-Convention EXCOM held, but the day also featured sessions of the MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees, the Council of Area Commanders and the Patriotic Education, Inc., organization. Later that night the law firm of Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick, Morrison & Norwood hosted EXCOM members and their spouses and partners for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in their offices. Their offices are located in the old Columbus Union Station, built in 1901, which once served the Central of Georgia and Southern Railway. Our then-JAG, COL Earle Lasseter, a member of that firm, made the excellent arrangements.

Wednesday, 8 August, continued the happy tradition of the “All Hands Tour” day, which featured visits to the widely-praised National Infantry Museum and the National Civil War Museum. The late afternoon featured two sessions: the annual Hann-Buswell Chapter (At-Large) meeting and the National Officer Candidate

Meeting. The day ended with Companions spending time in the city of Columbus, visiting shops, sightseeing and enjoying dinner at the many fine eating establishments.

CONVENTION (9-11 August 2018)

Thursday, 9 August, marked the beginning of the convention proper and was focused on convention workshops. These involved multiple sessions on recruiting and increasing Companion involvement to achieve MOWW’s Strategic Goal 1, chapter leadership and management best practices, and Internal Revenue Service filings. The workshops culminated with attendees developing actual Chapter Action Plans, which were to be implemented by all chapters post-convention to achieve MOWW’s five Strategic Goals.

Following the CINC’s Workshop Wrap-Up, conferees adjourned and later reassembled that evening for the annual CINC Welcome Buffet—which began with welcoming remarks from then-CINC Col Dave Gibson. Next were LTC Mike Wilgen’s inimitable MOWW Golf Tourney award presentations, delicious food, the terrific Fort Benning Army Band, and wonderful companionship throughout the evening.

On Friday, 10 August, the day’s convention events began with the annual Past Commanders-in-Chief (PCINC) Working Breakfast, which had two parts. The first part involved the PCINCs meeting with

then-CINC Col Gibson, then-CINC candidate and SVCINC LTC John Hollywood, and Brig Gen Art Morrill, the Order's Chief of Staff, for discussions on the state of the Order and future plans. After these three National Officers left, the PCINCs went into executive session, deliberating on matters concerning the good of the Order.

The next activity involved national candidate presentations, during which candidates were nominated, which were followed by presentations by the candidates themselves. Next was national delegate voting; the results of that election are reflected elsewhere in this issue and in the MOWW National Directory, which is available on the MOWW website (www.moww.org), "Companions Only," "Publications."

Shortly thereafter, another convention highlight occurred that was thoroughly enjoyed by all—the MOWW Awards Luncheon—during which the excellence of Companions and chapters were celebrated. Attendees were treated to an exceptional presentation on Federal Bureau of Investigation tactical and rescue operations by FBI Special Agent Kyle Vowinkel (CPT, USA, Former), who is a Companion of the Northern Virginia Chapter.

Next, two important forums occurred, Commanders' Call and Committee Chairs' Call, which were characterized by constructive exchanges on operational matters. The last event of the day was the uplifting Non-Denominational Worship Service, organized and conducted by the Order's superb Chaplain General, LTC Cheryl Brady.

The last day of the convention proper, Saturday, 11 August, began with the traditional ceremony of Companion remembrance, the MOWW Memorial Service, which was also organized and led by Chaplain General LTC Brady. The MOWW Convention (which includes the Business Session and the General Staff Meeting), was well-led by then-CINC Col Gibson. This included annual reports from selected National Officers and committee chairs, votes on proposed amendments to the MOWW Constitution and Bylaws, and ratification of National Officers earlier elected by convention delegates.

The day concluded with the CINC Receiving Line, followed by the final business of the Order—the

CINC Banquet. During the Banquet, then-CINC Col Gibson presented GEN Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret), with the Order's coveted Distinguished Service Award and presented then-SVCINC LTC Hollywood with the prestigious National Commander Award. Following the installation of National Officers, and the Commander-in-Chief change of command, now-IPCINC Col Gibson gave his farewell remarks and CINC-elect LTC Hollywood provided his new commander's remarks (provided in this issue), during which he emphasized, "We are a unique organization," and mentoring will help us remain so.

POST-CONVENTION (12 August 2018)

This day featured the Post-Convention EXCOM, chaired by CINC LTC Hollywood. He emphasized his CINC priority of enhancing mentoring throughout the Order and the imperative of following-up and following-through on initiatives and issues that may arise or be assigned during the year. ★

2019 MOWW CONVENTION



5-11 AUGUST 2019

GRAND VISTA HOTEL
SIMI VALLEY, CA

The 2019 MOWW Convention will celebrate the Order's 100th anniversary with unique centennial events—including the CINC Banquet at the President Ronald Reagan Library. CINC LTC Hollywood underscored the importance of the 2019 MOWW Convention when told all Companions after his post-installation address:

"Since we are starting our 100th year, I strongly urge all of you to attend the 2019 National Convention in California. It will definitely be an event to remember. I look forward to seeing all of you there. Let's work together so future Companions can celebrate the Order's 200th year."

CINC LTC Hollywood invites all Companion, and their families and friends, to attend. *He and Joanne will see you there!*



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GOLD PATRICK HENRY MEDAL AND NATIONAL CITATION RECIPIENTS

Every Companion named has made major contributions to the advancement of the patriotic ideals of MOWW. On the recommendation of the CINC, SVCINC, VCINCs and PCINC, and Region, Department/State and Chapter Commanders, each individual listed below was honored by the Commander-in-Chief, identifying the accomplishment and its contribution to the goals of the Order as set forth in the Preamble.

GOLD PATRICK HENRY RECIPIENTS

LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret)
GEN Meade Chapter, MD
CW4 Jack D. Jory, USA (Ret)
Puget Sound Chapter, WA
Lt Col Norman G. Wilson, USAF (Ret);
MG Miles Chapter, NM
(Presenter: CINC Col Gibson)

LTC Lawrence A. Herzog, USA (Ret)
Fort Knox Chapter, KY
(Presenter: SVCINC LTC Hollywood)

LTC John W. Chapman III, USA (Ret);
MG Critz Chapter, OK
(Presenter: VCINC LTC Chamberlin)

Mr. Thomas E. Hanson
GA Bradley-COL Hanson Chapter, CA
(Presenter: VCINC BGen Lopez)

LTC Dennis V. Christo, USA (Ret)
Worcester Chapter, MA
(Presenter: VCINC CDR Hartman)

Marlon Ruiz, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Santa Cruz Chapter, AZ
(Presenter: VCINC CPT Mitchel)

Maj Ruby D. Roberts, USAF (Ret)
CPT Grevemberg Chapter, MS
(Presenter: IPCINC COL Clay Le Grande, Jr., USA (Ret))

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Region I
LT Jason A. Sokolov, USA (Fmr)
Greater Boston Chapter, MA

Region III
CPT George D. Emmons, USAF (Ret)
COL Roosevelt Chapter, NY

Region IV
PCINC COL Bert L. Rice, USA (Ret)
General Meade Chapter, MD

Region VI
LTC David V. Mason, USA (Ret)
Clear Water Chapter, FL

Region VIII
COL (CH) Ralph L. Smith, Jr., USA (Ret)
Dallas Chapter, TX

Region XIII
CAPT Michael A. Isban, USN (Ret)
West Valley Chapter, AZ

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RECOGNITION

Department of Texas
LTC James B. Blunk, Jr., USA (Ret)
Region VIII

Department of Arizona
COL Christine F. Mahon, USA (Ret)
Region XIII

Department of Hawaii
HRM Leslie A. Loo
Region XIV

Department of Southern California
Capt Theodore G. Vallas, USAF (Ret)
Region XIV

CHAPTER COMMANDER RECOGNITION

Greater Boston Chapter, MA
LTC Michael A. Lavey, USA (Ret)
Region I

Fort Knox Chapter, KY
COL Alban Liang, USAR
Region II

Wilmington Chapter, DE
LTC Richard W. Chappell, USA (Ret)
Region III

GEN Ridgway-Pittsburgh Chapter, PA
CAPT Wallace R. Utley, USN (Ret)
Region III

Richmond Chapter, VA
HPM Mary L. Bailey
Region IV

Hampton Roads Chapter, VA
Capt Daniel G. Seabolt, USAF (Ret)
Region IV

Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA
COL Rayburn G. Smith, USA (Ret)
Region IV

Northern Virginia Chapter, VA
HRM Garrett B. Vowinkel
Region IV

Augusta Chapter, GA
SGM Michael W. Culbertson, USA (Ret)
Region V

Columbus Chapter, GA
CPT Leo J. Goodsell, GAARNG (Ret)
Region V

Sun City Center Chapter, FL
HPM Nancy J. Alguire
Region VI

Dallas Chapter, TX
HPM William J. Farmer
Region VIII

North Texas Chapter, TX
Col Robert M. Gehbauer, USAF (Ret)
Region VIII

Hill Country Chapter, TX
Col Norman E. Wells, USAF (Ret)
Region VIII

CAPT Dilworth Chapter, TX
LTC Richard P. Winnike, USA (Ret)
Region VIII

Phoenix Chapter, AZ
LTC Carol J. Dahl, USA (Ret)
Region XIII

West Valley Chapter, AZ
Col Gerald O. Jenson, USMC (Ret)
Region XIII

Catalina Mountains Chapter, AZ
CW04 Robert R. Ozier, USA (Ret)
Region XIII

Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
CDR Bradley W. Roberson, USN (Ret)
Region XIII

MajGen Pendleton Chapter, CA
CDR Joseph A. Beyer, USCGR (Ret)
Region XIV

Saddleback Valley Chapter, CA
CDR Robert C. Hirst, USN (Ret)
Region XIV

Puget Sound Chapter, WA
Col Alfred L. Jones, USAF (Ret)
Region XIV

BG Holland Chapter, AZ
BGen Paul K. Lebidine, USMCR (Ret)
Region XIV

GA Bradley-COL Hanson Chapter, CA
MAJ Howard P. Lewis, USA (Ret)
Region XIV

San Diego Chapter, CA
LT Darryl E. Peralta, USN (Ret)
Region XIV





DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The MOWW Constitution and Bylaws established the Distinguished Service Award of the Military Order of the World Wars. This award is presented at the National Convention to recognize an American citizen who has made extraordinary contributions to the preservation of our constitutional liberties, and who selflessly promotes a strong national defense. It is the most prestigious award of the Order.

RECIPIENT:

GEN Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret)



NATIONAL COMMANDER AWARD

The Commander-in-Chief is authorized to present the National Commander Award to the individual who, in his or her opinion, has made an outstanding contribution to the Order and has done the most in assisting the Commander-in-Chief in fulfilling their responsibilities.

RECIPIENT:

LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret)
(General Meade Chapter, MD)

PHOENICIAN AWARD

The Phoenician Award is given each year for the most outstanding patriotic essay written by a student attending one of MOWW's Youth Leadership Conferences.

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Faith Heery
Rocky Mountain YLC;
Director: COL Steven Shambach, USA (Ret),
Scholarship: \$500
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Tracey E. Payne
Tallahassee YLC;
Director: Lt Col John E. Cahoon, Jr., USAF (Ret),
Scholarship: \$1,000
- **WINNER:** Xavier E. Diaz
Spirit of America YLC;
Director: LTC Russell A. Gallagher, USA (Ret),
Scholarship: \$2,000



GENERAL OF THE ARMIES JOHN J. PERSHING CHAPTER ACTIVITY AWARDS

The Chapter Activities Award is presented to those chapters who have actively fulfilled the ideals and principles of The Military Order of the World Wars as set forth in the Preamble. It is also awarded to chapters which are a positive patriotic force within their communities, and that have grown in stature by performing good deeds for "The Good of the Order."

Small Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Hampton Roads Chapter, VA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **WINNER:** Fort Knox Chapter, KY

Medium Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **WINNER:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL

Large Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** General Meade Chapter, MD
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX



NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM AWARDS

The National Security Awards are given annually to the chapters demonstrating the most effective local programs in support of the resolutions pertaining to national security passed by the Order in the National Convention.

Small Chapter:

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** MG Miles Chapter, NM
- **WINNER:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ

Medium Chapter:

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

Large Chapter:

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** El Paso Chapter, TX
- **WINNER:** General Meade Chapter, MD



HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM AWARDS

The Homeland Security Award is a new award adopted at the 2010 Convention for excellence in supporting the MOWW Homeland Security Program.

Small Chapter:

- **WINNER:** MG Miles Chapter, NM

Medium Chapter:

- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

Large Chapter:

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** LTG Middleton Chapter, LA
- **WINNER:** El Paso Chapter, TX





CHAPTER LAW & ORDER PROGRAM AWARDS

The Law & Order Award, which has chapter and individual categories, was instituted to honor exceptional chapters supporting the following Preamble tenant: "Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States."

Small Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Denver Chapter, CO
- **WINNER:** Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX

Medium Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Clearwater Chapter, FL
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **WINNER:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL

Large Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** MajGen Pendleton Chapter, CA
- **WINNER:** El Paso Chapter, TX

LAW & ORDER EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

The National Law & Order Exceptional Service Award was created to recognize the distinguished service of a law enforcement or criminal justice official.

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:**
Officer John Thomas
(City of Irving Police Department, TX)
Sponsor: Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:**
Battalion Chief Anthony Stornetta
(Santa Barbara County Fire Department, CA)
Sponsor: COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **WINNER:**
Assistant Director in Charge
Mr. Barry W. Mawn (Retired)
(FBI New York Office)

Sponsor: Greater Boston Chapter, MA

Note: These awards are presented at local ceremonies by the sponsoring chapter.



LAW & ORDER OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD

The National Law and Order Outstanding Performance Award recognizes outstanding performance for heroic actions.

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:**
Deputy Jimmie Romano
(Hillsborough County Sheriff Department, FL)
Sponsor: Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:**
Officer Andrea Zendejas
(El Paso Police Department, TX)
Sponsor: El Paso Chapter, TX
- **WINNER:**
Deputy Sheriff Noah Zarnow
(San Diego County Sheriff Department, CA)
Sponsor: MajGen Pendleton Chapter, CA

Note: These awards are presented at local ceremonies by the sponsoring chapter.



VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAM AWARD

For excellence in program outreach and community support, in keeping with the MOWW motto, "It is nobler to serve than to be served."

Small Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** MG Miles Chapter, NM
- **WINNER:** North Texas Chapter, TX

Medium Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Northern Virginia Chapter, VA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Col Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ
- **WINNER:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL

Large Chapter:

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Atlanta Chapter, GA
- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX



CHAPTER PATRIOTIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AWARD

The Chapter Patriotic Education Program Award is bestowed on the chapter conducting the best patriotic education program for the preceding year. The purpose of this competition is to encourage chapters to develop programs that will provide the youth of our country with a knowledge and appreciation for this nation's institutions and government.

Small Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** West Valley Chapter, AZ
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Fort Hood Chapter, TX
- **WINNER:** Hampton Roads Chapter, VA

Medium Chapter:

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **WINNER:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL

Large Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Philadelphia Chapter, PA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Puget Sound Chapter, WA
- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX





ROTC AWARDS

The ROTC Annual Award is presented to the chapters providing the best support of ROTC units.

Category 1: Chapters supporting 1-9 ROTC units

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** North Texas Chapter, TX
- **WINNER:** Catalina Mountains Chapter, AZ

Category 2: Chapters supporting 10-17 ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** New Jersey Chapter, NJ
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** MG (BVT) Chamberlain Chapter, ME
- **WINNER:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ

Category 3: Chapters supporting 18-23 ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** COL Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Columbus Chapter, GA
- **WINNER:** San Diego Chapter, CA

Category 4: Chapters supporting 24-29 ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** MG Wheeler-Huntsville Chapter, AL
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Augusta Chapter, GA
- **WINNER:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA

Category 5: Chapters supporting 30-83 ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Dallas Chapter, TX
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Denver Chapter, CO
- **WINNER:** Richmond Chapter, VA

Category 6: Chapters supporting 84+ ROTC units:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Houston Chapter, TX
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Atlanta Chapter, GA
- **WINNER:** Puget Sound Chapter, WA

HPM JAMES C. BAIRD NATIONAL SCOUTING AWARD

Previously called the "National Scouting Award" and re-named to honor Companion Baird for his ceaseless efforts in promoting the Scouting programs of the Order. This award recognizes the Companion who contributed the most through the year to realize the goals and objectives of the Order's Resolution of Cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the USA.

RECIPIENT:

HPM William J. Farmer
(Dallas Chapter, TX)



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA "SQUARE KNOT" AWARD

The Boy Scouts of America "Square Knot" Award recognizes Companions who are dedicated to and actively involved in furthering the Boy Scouts of America program.

RECIPIENT:

HPM William J. Farmer
(Dallas Chapter, TX)



SCOUTING PROGRAM AWARD

For excellence in supporting the goals and objectives of the Military Order's Resolutions of Cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

Small Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** MG Miles Chapter, NM
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Denver Chapter, CO
- **WINNER:** New Jersey Chapter, NJ

Medium Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** COL Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

Large Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** GA Bradley-COL Hanson Chapter, CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** San Diego Chapter, CA
- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX



INFORMATION & PUBLICITY AWARD

The Information & Publicity Award is conferred annually to the chapter with the most effective public relations program for the operating year within the chapter, the community and at a national level. It includes published items (except for items published in the *Officer Review*®), as well as electronic media (television, radio and the internet).

Small Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** MG Miles Chapter, NM
- **WINNER:** Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX

Medium Chapter:

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **WINNER:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL

Large Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** General Meade Chapter, MD
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Puget Sound Chapter, WA
- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX





CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARDS

The Chapter Newsletter Award is presented to the chapter with the most comprehensive newsletter.

Small Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Hill Country Chapter, TX
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **WINNER:** Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX

Medium Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** COL Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **WINNER:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL

Large Chapter:

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Augusta Chapter, GA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** General Meade Chapter, MD
- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX



VADM DYER WRITING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Vice Admiral George C. Dyer Awards for Writing Excellence in MOWW's magazine, the *Officer Review*®, are made possible by the VADM Dyer Memorial Magazine Trust Fund.

WRITING PRIZES

- **1ST PRIZE AWARD (\$2,000):**
CAPT Thomas J. Marshall, Jr., MC, USN (Ret)
"Coral Sea: A Profound Impact,"
(OR, Apr-Jun 17)
San Diego Chapter, CA

• 2ND PRIZE AWARD (\$1,000):

CPT Robert W. Hasbrouck, USA (Ret)
"The Modoc Indian War of 1873,"
(OR, Jan-Mar 17)
New Jersey Chapter, NJ

• HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):

COL James M. Tobin, USA (Ret)
"Kansas Supports WWI Centennial,"
(OR, Jul-Sep 17)
Greater Kansas City Chapter, MO

• HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):

2LT Jason A. Sokolov, USA (Fmr)
"An Invitation to History in the Making,"
(OR, Apr-Jun 17)
Greater Boston Chapter, MA

• HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):

Lt Col Sheldon A. Goldberg, USAF (Ret)
"The Pershing Legacy Continues,"
(OR, Apr 16)
General Meade Chapter, MD

• CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Brig Gen Arthur B. Morrill III, USAF (Ret)
Chief of Staff & COO, MOWW

• CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

CPT (Dr.) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Fmr)
Surgeon General, MOWW

• CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

COL James T. Roberts, Jr., USA (Ret)
Chair, National Security, MOWW

• CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

CG (COL) Ronald L. Cobb, USA (Ret)
Chaplain General, MOWW



RECRUITING EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Recruiting Excellence Award is presented to the top three chapters who achieved the most significant net new member increases in living veteran and hereditary Perpetual and Regular member categories.

- **WINNER:** Presented to the chapter that recruits at least six (6) new members AND

achieves a ten percent or greater ($\geq 10\%$) net increase in membership. The recipient is awarded a streamer, is listed on the MOWW Recruiting Honor Role on the MOWW website, and is presented a check for \$2,000 to be applied to support chapter programs.

RECIPIENT: Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA

- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Presented to the chapter that recruits at least four (4) new members AND achieves an 8.0- 9.9 percent net increase in membership. The recipient is awarded a streamer, is listed on the MOWW Recruiting Honor Role on the MOWW website, and is presented a check for \$1,200 to be applied to support chapter programs.

RECIPIENT: Victoria Crossroads Chapter, TX

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Presented to the chapter that recruits at least two (2) new members AND achieves a 7.0 - 7.9 percent net increase in membership. The recipient is awarded a streamer, is listed on the MOWW Recruiting Honor Role on the MOWW website, and is presented a check for \$750 to be applied to support chapter programs.

RECIPIENT: Monterey Bay Chapter, CA

- **CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE**
Clearwater Chapter, FL

- **CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE**
Greater Boston Chapter, MA

- **CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE**
Sun City Center Chapter, FL

- **CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE**
Brig Gen Scott Chapter, GA

- **CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE**
West Valley Chapter, AZ

- **CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE**
Gaylord-Dillingham Mem Chapter, HI

- **CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE**
Wilmington Chapter, DE



PERPETUAL MEMBER RECRUITING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (ORGANIZATIONAL)

The Perpetual Member Recruiting Award is an organizational (i.e., chapter) award designed to encourage chapters to increase the number and proportion of those Perpetual Members who are ≤50 years in age within the chapter.

- **WINNER:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA

RECRUITING AWARD

The Membership Recruiting Award is given to the top three recruiters. In the event of a tie, the recruiter with the most Perpetual Members recruited takes precedence.

- **HONORABLE MENTION:**
COL Lawrence A. Willwerth, USA (Ret)
Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **HONORABLE MENTION:**
CW4 Jack D. Jory, USA (Ret)
Puget Sound Chapter, WA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:**
CW4 Richard E. Johnson, USA (Ret)
Chicago Chapter, IL
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:**
LTC Michael A. Okin, USA (Ret)
Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA
- **WINNER:**
Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret)
Puget Sound Chapter, WA



MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING CITATION

The MOWW Top Recruiting Citation is presented to the single Companion who personally recruited the greatest number of new members of all membership categories.

RECIPIENT:

Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret)
Puget Sound Chapter, WA

BG HORACE W. PORT AWARD

For being the Region with the highest percentage of its National Staff Officers registered and in attendance at the annual National Convention.

- **WINNER:**
Region IV

CHAPTER COMMANDERS' AND ADJUTANTS' AWARD

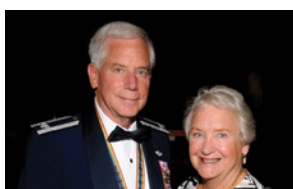
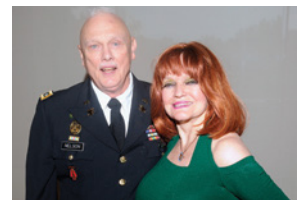
For being the Region with the highest percentage of its chapter commanders and adjutants registered, and in attendance at, the annual National Convention.

- **WINNER:**
Region IV

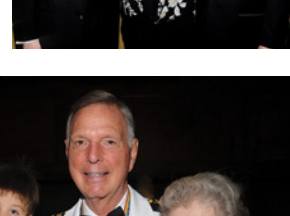
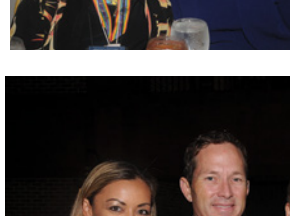
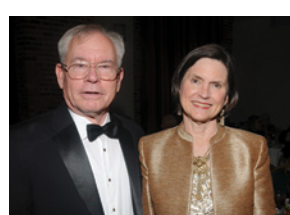




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VENEZUELA

COL JAMES T. ROBERTS, SR., USA (RET)
CHAIR, MOWW NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

The 2016 CIA World Fact Book indicated that the once wealthy democratic nation of Venezuela, now the Bolivarian Socialist nation of Venezuela, had a population of 28,868,486 (2014) of which 93% lived in an urbanized environment. In 2016, the oil-based economy provided for 95% of the government revenue. The poverty line was 31.6% (2011).

Today, much has changed. The nation is in crisis. President Nicolas Maduro, Hugo Chavez's hand-picked successor, has destroyed the nation's economy, its legal and legislative systems, and its governmental functions through dictatorial policies, cronyism, graft and greed. Under Chavez, over a million upper and middle-class people who were the financiers, educated business/professional drivers of the economy left the country. Under Maduro over 2.3 million have fled to other nations since 2014. The brain drain continues as the government is faced with an International Monetary Fund estimate of 1M% inflation, (the government fixed rate for the Bolivar was 6,000,000 to the dollar, now mandated at 60 to the dollar), major electrical blackouts and continuing massive food shortages of all types.

The urban areas are hit the most. The government has taken control of food distribution but has been unable to get agricultural products from the farm to the marketplace. Food imports have dried up due to a lack of money. The WSJ indicated that food shortages have led to an average weight loss of 18 pounds in 2016 and 24 pounds in 2017. The results have been street riots, food distribution favoritism to the military, police and government loyalists, and growth of government militias to control the citizens. Political arrests remain high. Poverty is the norm.

Petroleos de Venezuela, developed by US major oil companies in the previous century, was nationalized in 2007. Chavez replaced its management with political loyalists and through the years Chavez used the corporation's preventive maintenance and modernization budget for social programs to

illicit loyalty to his socialist regime. As a result, oil production and resultant exports, the life blood of the economy, has decreased every year since the Bolivarian revolution. In 2012, PdVSA extracted an estimated 2.487 million barrels a day. This July, the International Energy Agency reported the number as 1.2 million barrels a day with a 22% decline since January. Creditors now at the door. ConocoPhillips is in a \$2 billion debt repayment arbitration after a series of Federal court orders permitted it to seize refining and storage facilities in the Caribbean. Crystallex International, a now defunct mining corporation, won a Federal court ruling that permitted it to seize PdVSA's US Citgo Petroleum Corporation to satisfy its \$1.4 billion arbitration award. Venezuela has already defaulted on over \$6 billion in debt owed.

Politically, the country is headed toward anarchy and revolution. The elected National Assembly is outlawed and replaced by a hand-picked legislative organization. The police, military, judicial, and governmental leadership have been compromised by economic favoritism. Opponents are in exile, jail or have been silenced. What is next? One can only surmise it will not be pretty. ★

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MAINTAINING HUMAN CONNECTIONS

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In a previous “Chief’s Notes,” I talked about “inreach,” i.e., serving each other even as we serve those in our communities. The key to successful inreach is frequent and personal communications—and, as the CINC mentors us, follow-up and follow-through.

So, just what is communications? The simple answer is imparting or exchanging information or news. The most common communication types include interpersonal, nonverbal, written and oral communications. Then we have intrapersonal, interpersonal, group, public and mass communication, which have a different orientation. Or, we have listening, verbal, nonverbal, emotional awareness and written communications. All apply, but the common thread is maintaining human connections.

However we slice and dice communications, in many respects, today’s reality is we increasingly communicate via electrons. We pay our bills, donate and shop online. We get fewer and fewer letters, etc., and instead get emails, internet links and online accounts. We live in an email, text, Twitter and Snapchat world—which, as we know, is fraught with one-sided transmissions, sound-bites, little “listening,” lots of misunderstandings and increasingly disconnected people. Still, habits are strong and we often think that by merely sending emails, we’re communicating or team-building.

Electronic communications—often most of our communications—can be the least disciplined and effective communications. Why? Because these one-way communications distract us from maintaining the human connections necessary to achieve the constructive energy and progress we need.

The article “Nurturing Human Connections,” posted by *Mind Fuel Daily* | *Inspire the Mind, Thought & Wisdom*, argues there are three basic ways of creating and nurturing deep human connections in our lives:

- Be Genuine. We’re humans and when we feel vulnerable, we build walls. Learning to climb over these walls by releasing self-doubt is how we realize our full potential for collegiality, collaboration and companionship.
- Be Kind. Don’t ever think that any one thing you do is meaningless. A single instance of empathy, understanding or help can be enough to change a life. In working with Companions and strangers, realize these moments are what connect us to each other.
- Be Gracious. A powerfully simple way to grow in all our human connections is by remembering the Golden Rule. Be the stranger you want to meet. Be the Companion you want to have. We can find great value in being quick to forgive others, and being even quicker to be a wingman when mentoring or assistance is needed.

Why is this topic important? Because some elements and Companions in our Order feel they’re on their own, struggling by themselves as they deal with the issues they face. We can send all the emails we like, but what makes the difference is frequent and personal communications—a call, a meeting, an abiding relationship—in addition to what the CINC mentors us about follow-up and follow-through.

There is great power in these things because they demonstrate by our attitude and our actions that we’re not in it alone. Instead, we’re part of the Companion team—united in purpose and cohesive in our timely and mutual support. ★



GET AROUND MUCH?

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

The fabled “riddle of the Sphinx” is “what walks on four legs in the morning, two legs in the afternoon and three legs in the evening?” The answer is Man. Acknowledging the eventual need for ambulatory assistance is, therefore, at least as old as the pyramids. Today’s information is for your information only, i.e., “just in case.”

While striving for “ambulatory independence,” one needs to get help when and if it’s needed—and that can happen at any age depending on circumstances. While one can pick up an adjustable cane up at the drug store if help is needed, careful thought and planning are needed to get the right device. You really do need professional help to pick correctly.

Reduced mobility is something that many of us do not think about, but a “mobility aid” is what millions of people all over the world live with every day. A mobility aid is a device designed to assist in walking and to improve getting around.

The range of devices goes from various types of canes to scooters and wheel chairs for the sighted and the blind, as well as a multitude of physical conditions. Instability and risk of falling are most common. Wheelchairs or scooters work if an injury or disease has left you unable to walk at all. Knee scooters or lifting chairs are often helpful and stair lifts can be installed inside or outside the home if needed.

Worldwide, 6.1 million people use, canes, crutches and walkers. Osteoarthritis (bone on bone) is by far the most prevalent condition associated prompting the need to use mobility devices. Many factors are involved in determining which device can help: Cognitive function, judgment, vision, vestibular function, upper body strength, physical endurance and living environment.

Canes widen a person’s base of support and provide

increased balance. A cane typically is used when only one upper extremity is required for balance or bearing weight. Canes are helpful in patients who need an additional point of contact with the floor for balance, but who have little or no requirement for upper-extremity weight bearing. Offset canes (long horizontal handles) allow weight to be displaced over the shaft of the cane and can be used for some weight bearing.

Multiple-legged canes (“quads”) provide an increased base of support and permit more weight bearing. Walk canes are broad-based aluminum devices that have a vertical component with a handle and two legs, and another component with two additional legs angled away from the patient. They are ideal for patients requiring continuous weight bearing with only one arm.

Crutches increase the base of support and improve lateral stability. In contrast to canes, crutches can be used for full weight bearing. Axillary (“regular”) crutches are used to provide support to persons with temporarily restricted ambulatory capabilities and keep weight off a foot, ankle, knee or leg. Elbow or forearm crutches are used for patients requiring bilateral upper-extremity support.

Walkers improve balance by increasing the base of support, enhancing stability and supporting the patient’s weight. Standard walkers have four legs with rubber tips that should come into simultaneous contact with the floor. The standard walker is the

most stable. Four-wheeled walkers can be used if the patient requires a larger base of support but does not rely on the walker to bear weight. Two-wheeled walkers allow weight bearing and mobility.

All devices can be modified as needed so get a pro to help you. It will be worth the effort.

Be well. ★



TOGETHER, FOR GOD'S GLORY

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

If God is for us who can be against us? The longevity of The Military Order of the World Wars gives witness that God is for us. God has been good to the Order. God honors those who honor Him. When we serve God, He opens doors to serve others.

God alone is wise. King Solomon was a man endowed with heavenly wisdom. He writes, "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches...." We have a good name in our nation. Our reputation has greater value than our corporate wealth.

God's understanding is infinite. His counsel stands forever and the plans of His heart to all generations. God wants us to know what He is doing now and what He is planning for the future. The question we must ask ourselves is this, "Do I want to know the plans of God's heart?" We can pray knowing that all things are possible to those who believe.

We must look beyond the surface and external things we see and desire the greater strategic spiritual assignment from God. We are to walk by faith and not by sight. He has promised to instruct us and teach us in the way we should go and to guide us with His eye. God's vision is an eternal vision. We

can trust His instructions and guidance

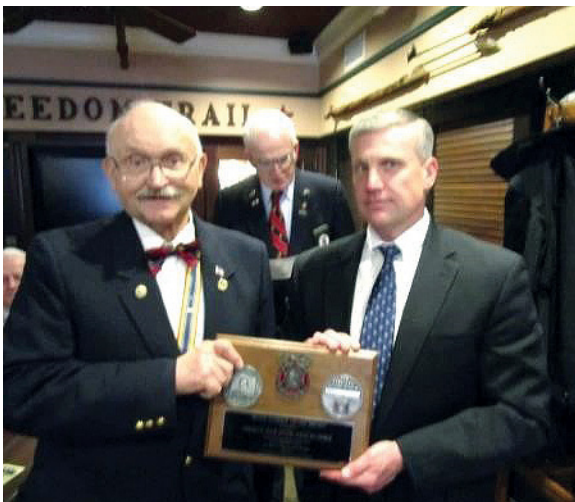
The Order has a divine mission that is sustainable and achievable only by the gracious hand of Almighty God. Companions are brought together to serve by God's divine orchestration for His eternal purposes.

This land is His land. The people are His people. We are all His creation. He knows the plans He has for the nation and the people. Our responsibility is to humble ourselves under God's mighty hand that we might serve Him and do His will. Not our will, but God's will be done.

It is difficult for two to walk together unless they agree. We cannot walk with God unless we agree with Him. His ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts.

Let us remember that together we serve as one body united in purpose for the good of the Order and for the glory of God. We are, because He is. As we seek the Lord together we shall not lack any good thing we need to fulfill our mission. ★





Greater Boston Chapter, MA

Silver Patrick Henry Award to FBI Special Agent-in-Charge

BY CPT WILLIAM J. MALONEY, USA (FMR.)

At the 1 May 2018 meeting, the chapter's Senior Vice Commander, CAPT Paul E. Mawn, USN (Ret), introduced the guest speaker, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Boston Office of the FBI, Harold Shaw, who returned to the chapter for a continuation of his speech given last spring.

Special Agent Shaw has 600 FBI agents on his staff as well as a number of other employees. He gave us a very extensive review of FBI activities and capacities, as well as a briefing on current challenges presented by ever-changing technologies. One interesting matter was the extent to which major adversaries are appropriating and copying commercial and intellectual information as doing so is less expensive and quicker than developing it for themselves. He also mentioned the difficulty of gathering information on criminals who use multiple cell phones, and many different computers and internet addresses.

Accompanying Special Agent Shaw, was another FBI Special Agent, a nephew of CAPT Paul Mawn, Kevin White. Special Agent White added comments to the presentation of Mr. Shaw.

Following these presentations and a question-and-answer session, chapter commander COL Lawrence A. Willwerth III, USA (Ret), presented the highest award that the Chapter may confer, a Silver Patrick Henry Award, to Special Agent Shaw as CPT William J. Maloney, USA (Fmr), read and presented the accompanying citation.

In his letter of thanks to the chapter, Special Agent Shaw wrote, "I truly value your partnership and ask you for your continued support as ambassadors for the FBI. As each of you has proven through your service to this great nation, the current FBI workforce is committed to not only advancing your efforts and sacrifices, but is fully committed to protecting the American people and defending the Constitution of the United States."

Victoria Crossroads Chapter, TX

SPH for LTC Peter Riesz, USA (Fmr)

BY CDR RALPH LEWIS, USCG (RET)

LTC Peter Riesz, USA (Fmr), Commander of the Victoria Crossroads Chapter (TX), was presented a MOWW Silver Patrick Henry Award, by then-VCINC, now SVINC, LTC Chuck Chamberlin, USA (Ret).



Puerto Rico Chapter, PR

Examples to Share and Follow

BY BG VICTOR S. PÉREZ, USA (RET)

As we honored the life service of our patriots on Memorial Day, the Puerto Rico Chapter had the opportunity to induct three eminent officers. Taking the oath were 1LT Pedro Pagan-Gonzalez, PRARNG (Fmr), Sub Director Puerto Rico Veterans Affairs Office; DR (MAJ) Martin Iguina-Mora, USA (Fmr), and 1LT Ismael Castillo-Bernal, PRARNG (Fmr). These gentlemen are members of the Rotary Club based at the city of Arecibo, whose Chair, Mrs. Carolyn Allman provided us the time off their agenda to execute the induction ceremony.



Setting the example and teaching us a lesson of what is service all about was our new Companion, MAJ (Dr) Iguina, a World War II veteran, 97-years of age, who served from 1943 to 1946, in the Pacific Theater. He said, "I would have died for my nation and, now, for The Military Order of the World Wars." Inducting new Companions is always a moment of great sense of satisfaction, but we all agree that this time it was inspirational to experience how proud a man can be who only wants to continue to serve, and now chooses the Order as his vehicle to deliver his will. With great pride, we all joined in unison, and said, "It is Nobler to Serve, than to be Served!"

(L-R): Current Chapter Treasurer and past Chapter Commander, LTC Ramon A. Negron, USA (Ret); Chapter Scout Chair, COL Hector L. Sanchez, USA (Ret); Veterans Affairs Advocate, Attorney (CPT) Agustin Montañez, USAR (Fmr); new inductees 1LT Ismael Castillo-Bernal, PRARNG (Fmr), and 1LT Pedro Pagan-Gonzalez, PRARNG (Fmr); current Chapter Commander, BG Victor S. Perez, USA (Ret); COL Jose Rios, USA (Ret); Marshall, LTC William Pennock, USA (Ret); Past Chapter CDR, COL Daniel Osorio, USA (Ret); Guest Speaker Chair, COL Fernando Sulsona, USA (Ret), and, front and center, new inductee, WWII veteran DR (MAJ) Martin Iguina-Mora, USA (Fmr).





Northern Virginia Chapter, VA

Memorial Day—Washington, DC

BY PCINC CAPT RUSSELL VOWINKEL, USN (RET)

Chapter Senior Vice Commander and MOWW's Assistant Surgeon General, COL S. John Whidden, Ph.D., MD, USA (Ret), saluted our fallen service members. COL Whidden (far left) rode with the Vietnam Special Forces float in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC.



Columbus Chapter, GA

Memorial Day—Fort Benning GA

BY LTC ROGER J. BARROS, USA (RET)

PCINC LTG Robert L. "Sam" Wetzel, USA (Ret), and Mrs. Eileen Wetzel join chapter Companions and Lighthouse Brigade Cadet leaders to pay tribute to the nation's fallen heroes on Memorial Day.



Gaylord-Dillingham Chapter, HA

Memorial Day—at the Punchbowl

BY COL ARTHUR N. TULAK, USA (RET)

In attendance for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) with Hereditary Companion Les Loo (pictured, son of former Gaylord-Dillingham Chapter Commander, LTC Archie Y. G. Loo, USA (Ret).

The cadets are wearing historic uniforms for females who were "sponsored participants" before they were formally authorized to join as cadets.



General Meade Chapter, MD

Massing of Colors

BY COL EDWIN BURTNICK, USA (RET)

On 20 May 2018, the chapter conducted the 32nd Annual Massing of Colors (MOC), held



in conjunction with the Fort Meade Memorial Day Remembrance. This event, featuring 43 Color Guards, was highly successful and well-attended. The grand marshal and keynote speaker was GEN Paul M. Nakasone, USA, recently appointed Director of the National Security Agency and Commander of the Cyber Command. He was introduced by Fort Meade Garrison Commander, COL Thomas Rickard, USA. Then-General Meade Chapter Commander, COL Edwin Burtneck, USA (Ret), provided welcoming remarks on behalf of the chapter.

Top: Color Guards readied to lead the MOC. Inset L-R):: Companion Nathan Vowinkel led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Meade MOC. He is standing with PCINC CAPT Russell Vowinkel, USN (Ret).



Clearwater and Sun City Center Chapters, FL

Chapters Support GSUSA Gold Awards

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



On 9 June 2018, at the Nielsen Media Research Center in Oldsmar, FL, 36 Girl Scouts from the West Central Florida Council were presented the Gold Award, the highest award

that can be earned by a Girl Scout. The Clearwater Chapter recognized 18 of these Scouts from two coastal counties while the Sun City Center Chapter recognized 18 scouts from the four inland counties. Maj James H. Haney, USMC (Ret), chapter commander, participated as a speaker during the ceremony.

Before the ceremony began, Maj Haney presented a MOWW Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion to Gold Award recipient, Scout Haylie Corcho, (Chamberlain HS student). Her project provided comfort to homeless female veterans at the Tampa Crossroads Athena House, a transitional house. Haylie created a peaceful place (rock garden, bench and enhanced landscaping) for the veterans to relax after a hard day of work. The project will be sustained annually by the Progressive Insurance Military Network employee resource group.

Top, (L-R): LTC Dave Mason with GSUSA Gold Award recipients from Pinellas and Pasco Counties.

Below: Maj James H. Haney, USMC (Ret), (center) with GSUSA Gold Award recipients from Sumpter, Marion, Hillsborough and Polk Counties.

Inset, (L-R): Maj James H. Haney, USMC (Ret), Haylie Corcho, and her parents, Mike and Kathy Corcho.



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Newly Updated Portions of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities



Effective 13 Aug, Veterans Affairs (VA) updated portions of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD, or Rating Schedule) that evaluate conditions related to the skin.

The VASRD is the collection of federal regulations used by Veterans Benefits Administration claims processors to evaluate the severity of disabilities and assign disability ratings.

VA is in the process of updating all 15 body systems of the VASRD to reflect modern medicine more accurately and provide clearer rating decisions.

No conditions were removed from the new skin rating schedule. VA has issued several VASRD updates since September 2017, including updates for dental and oral conditions, conditions related to the endocrine system, gynecological conditions and disorders of the breast and eye conditions. The complete list of updates to the rating schedule for skin conditions is now available online: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/WARMS/bookc.asp>

VA implements new fiduciary regulations



Veterans Affairs (VA) recently updated regulations related to how it governs the oversight of beneficiaries, who, because of injury, disease, or age, are unable

to manage their VA benefits, and the appointment and oversight of fiduciaries for these vulnerable beneficiaries.

Managed by VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), the new regulations, which took effect in August, update and reorganize fiduciary rules consistent with current law and VA policies, and clarify the rights of beneficiaries and the roles of VA and fiduciaries in the program. To view this latest ruling visit: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/07/13/2018-14856/fiduciary-activities>

Among other things, the new regulations clarify

beneficiaries' rights, including the right to appeal fiduciary appointments and other fiduciary decisions, the 4 percent limit on fiduciary fees, and the procedures to remove a fiduciary, for instance, when a beneficiary demonstrates the ability to manage their own funds or when VA determines that the fiduciary misused VA benefits. These new rules provide additional protections to veterans and family members

This is the first full revision of the Fiduciary Activities regulations since they were first published in 1975.

Accolades for Fort Bliss National Cemetery



The Department of Veterans Affairs has named Fort Bliss National Cemetery (El Paso, TX) as an Organization of Excellence, a designation that is given to national

cemeteries that meet strict department standards. Across the 82 plus acre site, there are more than 50,000 graves, including one that is the final resting place of the post's namesake, Lieutenant Colonel William Wallace Smith Bliss.

According to the National Cemetery Administration, of the monuments and memorials located within the grounds of the cemetery, one is from The Military Order of the World Wars. The granite monument was dedicated in 1986 to all Officers in military service.

Other memorials or monuments located there are from the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association; the American Prisoners of War; The Military Order of the Purple Heart; The El Paso Del Norte Chapter, Gold Star Wives of America and The Korean War Veterans Association.





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