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A CALL TO ARMS!

Dear Companions,

On Saturday, 11 August 2019, I was humbled to become the Order's 89th Commander-in-Chief (CINC) during the annual CINC Banquet that celebrated the centennial of our founding at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, a magnificent venue. During the banquet, VADM Robert L. Thomas, Jr., USN (Ret), the former US Navy 7th Fleet Commander, was deservedly honored as the Order's 2019 Distinguished Service Award recipient. His remarks were highly informative about the Pacific Theater and inspiring when he said that as a Companion of the Order, he was committed to personally helping to strengthen it. In short, it was a "once-in-a-century" event, made even better by the Reagan Library staff's exceptional service to the 260 people attending.

After taking my oath as CINC and accepting the Order's Command Sabre, I outlined the approach for the coming year—a "Call to Arms"—to those present, but also to every Companion of our Order. Why? Because our Order is in trouble. That's why we must all work together to reverse the membership decline and resolve the Companion uninvolved issues plaguing us. Here are the facts. During the 2010 MOWW Convention in El Paso, TX, we heard the Order had 130 active chapters and 11 regions. As of the 2019 MOWW Convention, we have 89 chapters and 10 regions. Since 2010, we closed 41 chapters—over four chapters each year—and one region. If we don't reverse those adverse trends, in 10 years MOWW will have no more than 40 chapters unless each of us ... all of us ... make a positive difference starting today.

We must be better at consistently recruiting and involving those recruited. Last year, 27 chapters did not recruit even one new member—30% of MOWW—and some of those chapters recruited no one the year before. In fact, only about 2% of all Companions ever recruit anyone. This is not "for the good of the Order." Clearly we have a number of chapters that are doing quite well, and I thank them for their leadership and operational results. We must export their expertise and success to the 27 chapters not recruiting, so we construct a sustainable model to ensure the longevity and vitality of the Order.

In my remarks, I outlined a major initiative—the "Tiger Team Initiative"—that will have expert Companion recruiters visiting those 27 chapters to assist them in removing recruiting obstacles and then to assist them in recruiting at least two new Companions by 31 December 2019 and more by 30 June 2020. More information is in my convention remarks article in this issue. We can do this—together!

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The Order elected LTC Charles S. Chamberlin, USA (Ret), as the Military Order's 88th Commander-in-Chief (CINC).





SVCINC LTC CHARLES S. CHAMBERLIN, USA (RET)

CINC LTC Chamberlin is a 1960 Texas A&M Distinguished Military Graduate (BS, 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. In MOWW, he served 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. LOPEZ, USMCR (RET)

SVCINC BGen Lopez served 31 years on active duty and in the Reserves. His assignments included: Vietnam (1968–1969), including duty there as a Rifle Platoon Commander and a Sniper Platoon Commander; 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. His awards and decorations include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal (Combat "V"), the Navy Commendation Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon and the Navy & Marine Corps Parachutist Wings. He holds a BS (Mathematics, California Polytechnic) and an MS (Computer Science, West Coast University). In 2007 he retired from the Raytheon Company as a Director of Engineering, Electronic Warfare Systems. As a 19-year Companion, he has held commands positions at chapter, department and region levels, GSO and VCINC. ★



VCINC BG VICTOR S. PEREZ, USA (RET)

VCINC BG Perez graduate from the University of Puerto Rico (BS, Business Administration, magna cum laude) as a Distinguished ROTC Cadet. He also holds a MS (Administration Science) from Central Michigan University. He graduated from the Airborne School, the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course; Inter-American Defense College (Fort McNair) and the Joint Task Force Commander Course (Northern Command). His last duty assignment was Director, Joint Staff (Joint Force HQ, PRARNG) and Contingency Commander (PRARNG). He previously served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, PRARNG. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (3-BOL), Army Commendation Medal (1-BOL), Army Achievement Medal (1-BOL), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal and the Puerto Rico National Guard Commendation Medal. He wears the Parachutist Badge and the Adjutant General Staff Identification Badge. Prior MOWW positions held include duty as the Commander, Puerto Rico Chapter (PR). ★



VCINC LTC MICHAEL A. OKIN, MD, USA (RET)

VCINC LTC Okin graduated from Washington & Lee University in 1976 (BS, Biology) and earned his MD from the University of Virginia. He completed a Family Medicine residency in 1983 at the Eisenhower Army Medical Center (Fort Gordon). Reassigned to Womack Army Community Hospital (Fort Bragg), while there he deployed to Grenada. He completed a Family Medicine Fellowship at the University of North Carolina in 1985. In 1987, he transferred to the Army Reserve and moved to Lynchburg, VA, as the Associate Director, Lynchburg Family Medicine Residency Program. In 1991, he returned to active duty and deployed with the 475th MASH, 332nd Medical Brigade, during the Gulf War. In 1995, he entered private practice with Central Virginia Family Physicians. In 1997, he retired from the Army Reserve and in 2015 he retired from his medical practice. He has served as: Commander, Virginia Piedmont Chapter; Vice Chair, Education & Training Committee; Member, Strategic Planning Committee, and; an appointed VCINC. ★



VCINC MAJ ROBERT J. WILLIAMS, USAF (RET)

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. ★



CALL TO ARMS!

LTC CHARLES S. CHAMBERLIN, JR., USA (RET)
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, MOWW

With great pride and gratitude, I humbly accept you electing me your 89th Commander-in-Chief. Thanks to all of you for attending this year's convention and this special CINC Banquet celebrating our Order's centennial birthday here in the Ronald Wilson Reagan Presidential Library.

I am also grateful for the great service of our new Immediate Past CINC, LTC John Hollywood, over many years, but especially for his leadership of the Order during this past year as the Order's 88th Commander-in-Chief. I will be looking forward to receiving his continued counsel during my term of office as CINC.

I also thank VADM Robert L. Thomas, Jr., USN (Ret), the former Commander of the US Navy's 7th Fleet, for his informative speech tonight. I congratulate him on being this year's recipient of our Distinguished Service Award—richly-deserved recognition.

To the Chief of Staff, Brig Gen Art Morrill, and his assistant, Mrs. Sunny Alley, I appreciate their untiring work to make this a successful convention, and their proactive and abiding support throughout the entire year. I must also thank the Chief's wife, Hereditary Perpetual Member Marian Morrill, for so ably assisting Sunny during our MOWW Awards Luncheon.

In addition, thanks go to LTC Worley and his able team for this fine centennial birthday in this awesome venue, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Special thanks go to Ms. Katherine Rose Reaves, Miss Orange County and a world-class vocalist, for her inspiring rendition of the National Anthem.

Last, I thank the newly installed Executive Committee of the General Staff—the EXCOM—for their dedication and willingness to help meet the coming difficult challenges facing our Order. We have much to do.

Now ... I want to share with you what I call my trip to this podium. How did I get here? While I recount the trip, I want you to look for two common threads through my movement to positions of greater responsibility in the MOWW.

In 2006, I was asked by Companion LT Wes Gross to attend a Dallas Chapter monthly meeting, after which he asked me to join the chapter. I signed an application and was soon inducted as a Perpetual Member.

In 2009, Wes asked me if I would be his junior vice commander and I agreed. That next year, Wes asked me if I would step forward and run for the Dallas Chapter Commander, and I said, "Yes." That next year, PCINC Captain John Hayes asked me if I would step forward and run for election as the Commander, Region VIII, and take on the task of rebuilding the region. I again said, "Yes," and held the position for four years.

Then, PCINC Col Clay Le Grande asked me if I would be willing to run for VCINC with oversight of Regions VII and VIII. I said, "Yes," and held that position for three years. I was then asked if I would run for SVCINC and commit to stand for election as the CINC in the following year.

What was the common thread? It was that at every point I was asked if I would do something for the Order, I said, "Yes," if they thought I could add value. I was mentored. It's noteworthy to mention that one secret to successfully getting Companions to step forward and participate is to ask them personally, not merely ask in a broadcast email or ask a group of Companions, but to personally ask, one to one. If you use that technique you will notice the difference in people's response.

Now let's go back to 2010 and El Paso, TX (my first convention), when I was the new Dallas Chapter Commander. Dallas won eight awards that evening so I went up eight times to receive them from then-CINC Col Phil St. Amant. The new CINC was Col



Cliff Way, who gave a neat speech. Next year, the CINC was CAPT Russell Vowinkel who also gave a “wow” speech. He was followed by PCINC LTC Gary Engen, who was followed by PCINC CPT Deborah Kash, who in turn was followed by PCINC CPT John Hayes, then PCINC LTC Ruth Hamilton, then PCINC Col Clay Le Grande, after which it was PCINC Col Dave Gibson and then PCINC LTC John Hollywood. Each PCINC gave an impressive speech during their respective CINC Banquet, setting a high standard for subsequent CINC’s such as me to follow.

This spring, as I began to prepare my speech, I found it was difficult to determine the subject of my speech. How I could ever match the high standards set by my predecessors? But, I kept working on my speech.

This past June, my wife Adele and I were invited to the Hill Country Chapter to install the chapter commander, CDR Ralph Lewis, and his staff. Additionally, I was awarding Ralph a Gold Patrick Henry Medal. The drive from north of Dallas where Adele and I live to Kerrville is about five and a half hours. As we departed, Adele reclined her seat and fell to sleep. Left alone, so to speak, I began to give my speech to my steering wheel. The steering wheel listened intently. I gave an awesome speech. Where were you all? You should have heard me—it was a home run. Seriously, though, it did give me the subject matter I was looking for to present to the Order tonight.

The subject I want to discuss tonight is the state of the Order. The state of the Order, in my view, is not good. As an Order, we are in serious trouble. The critical issue is Strategic Goal 1, recruiting and involvement. To discuss what is before us, let me build a data point platform for us all to stand on together.



At my first convention in 2010, we had 130 chapters and 11 regions. As I stand before you tonight in 2019, we have 89 chapters and 10 regions. Let me say that again, 89 chapters and 10 regions. Over the nine-year period from 2010 to 2019, we closed 41 chapters, an annual average of over four chapters per year. Think about that a minute. If we just trend that out ten years at the current loss rate, we will be down to 44 chapters and perhaps four or five regions.

Another five years at that rate and the EXCOM will be reviewing closure actions for the entire Order. Companions, that would be criminal if we, on our

watch, allowed this trend to continue. The reduction in YLCs, JROTC/ROTC awards, Boy and Girl Scout Excellence Certificates, would be devastating, to say the least.

Now let me be fair and balanced here. About 25% of our chapters are doing exceptionally well in recruiting. For example, let me name ten chapters who have recruited 10 or more new Companions and deserve recognition: Chicago, Dallas, Hill Country, Puget Sound, Puerto Rico, Greater Boston, Philadelphia, Gen Meade, Virginia Piedmont and Northern Virginia. Another 40% are achieving satisfactory results—my congratulations for their worthy efforts.

Now, I want to single out just one of those ten top-recruiting chapters I just mentioned and review with you the simple recruiting initiative they used to successfully recruit and increase Companion involvement. But first, let me take you back in time.

In 2012, the Hill Country Chapter was a lethargic, 20-member chapter that had lost its motivation to recruit new members. In 2013, new leadership in the form of Coast Guard Captain Deborah Dombeck and her husband, Coast Guard Commander Ralph Lewis,



became the new chapter commander and adjutant, respectively. They also took over the directorship of the USS Lexington Youth Leadership Conference in Corpus Christie, TX.

They were so impressed with what the YLC students learned and how it changed the student's attitudes, they got a recruiting idea. That next month, July, they invited the 20 chapter members to their home for a wine- and cheese-tasting party. Each member was requested to bring at least one guest who was qualified to join MOWW. They also invited several YLC students, a counselor and YLC parents to the party.

After socializing, they turned the function over to the YLC students. Each student described how their YLC experience changed their life. Each of those YLC students each hit a home run with the guests that evening. That night, five guests joined the chapter and others made donations to the YLC. A couple of months later, five more of the guests joined the chapter. Consequently, the Hill Country Chapter grew from 20 to 30 members in a few short months simply by letting YLC students tell their stories.

Every year since 2013, the chapter has repeated this event. The result of these chapter efforts is that the chapter has grown from a lethargic 20-person chapter to a vibrant 49-member chapter simply by using its YLC students as a catalyst. Your chapter can do something comparable and achieve comparable results—if you invest the time and energy needed!

However, now I want to focus on the 30% of our chapters that did not recruit anyone this past operating year. No one! Moreover, a subset of that 30% did not recruit anyone the year before.

This, combined with our membership decline, has resulted in the unacceptable chapter closure trend I previously mentioned.

Is this state of affairs acceptable to you? It is not acceptable to me! The good news it is fixable so let's individually and collectively fix it!

We have 34 chapters out of our 89 chapters that are represented at this convention. There might be a clue in those numbers somewhere. Just saying.

If you are a chapter commander or representing your chapter commander, please stand up. I want to ask you three simple questions. Please hold up your hand if you believe that the Order does not need to do anything different, that we just need to stay the course and somehow all will work out OK.

Seeing no hands up, the second question is this: please hold up your hand if you believe the Order needs to do something different soon to reverse this membership decline. Thank you. I was hoping I would see 100% support of that.

Now, we come to the third question. Please hold up your hand if you will commit tonight to do whatever is necessary to help the Order fix our declining membership. Great! Thank you for that important support. I will hold you to that commitment.

Given that the attending region commanders made the same 100% commitment in their Council of Area Commanders' meeting earlier this week, it appears the Order is all in on reversing our low recruiting and Companion involvement.

I now issue a Call to Arms! Not just to the 20% of our Order that does 80% of the work, but a Call to Arms



that includes the entire Order. This means 100% of the chapters, 100% of the regions and 100% of your EXCOM and PCINCs. We are all in for the fix!

The initiative I will be implementing starting tomorrow morning is the “Tiger Team Recruiting Initiative.” Let me be definitive here. For recruiting purposes, I have color-coded each chapter.

- If your chapter has met or exceeded its 4% recruiting goal, then you are a Green Chapter, meaning you know how to recruit and need no assistance.
- If your chapter recruited new Companions but did not meet your 4% recruiting goal, then you are a Yellow Chapter, meaning you know how to recruit but you might need monitoring by your region commander.
- If your chapter has not recruited anyone this past operating year, then you are a Red Chapter. This means your chapter will receive assistance in the form of a Tiger Team who will come on site, meet with the chapter commander and staff, identify the obstacles preventing recruiting efforts, develop actions to remove those obstacles, then assist the chapter in recruiting a minimum of two new Companions.

The region commanders were provided a list of recruiting best practices, a list of objectives to achieve and a list, by region, of their Red Chapters.

Here are the key milestones to be met by the Tiger Teams and region commanders.

By 1 September, region commanders must select the appropriate number of Tiger Teams and assign them their Red Chapters.

- By 1 October, all Tiger Teams must complete their 1st Red Chapter visit. For the MOWW senior leadership, which includes the 10 region commanders, the four VCINCs, the SVCINC and the CINC, each will adopt one or, in a few cases, two of the Red Chapters.
- By 1 November, each leader will make a site visit to their adopted Red Chapter, assuring that chapter that the senior leadership is 100% behind the Tiger Teams and Red Chapters, and will provide whatever support is needed. It is important that each Red Chapter must understand that senior leadership is with them

every step of the way. By Thanksgiving, every Red Chapter will have recruited their first new Companion.

- By 31 December, every Red Chapter will have recruited their second new Companion.
- In January 2020, the EXCOM will review Tiger Team status reports from the region commanders. Decisions will be made, based on that data and recommendations by the oversight VCINCs regarding any Red Chapters needing additional Tiger Team mentoring.

We will all work together for one cause—and that is to ensure that every Red Chapter succeeds in recruiting a minimum of at least two new Companions. The bottom line here is that every Red Chapter is to succeed in achieving Strategic Goal 1's 4% recruiting objective by June 2020.

That means our mission is to reenergize all Red Chapters, refresh and refocus them—all to help them achieve positive and continually improving results that lead them to recruiting success.

For the good of the Order, failure is not an option. I ask that you flush the word “quit” from your vocabulary. It is imperative that we rid ourselves of what I call “stinkin’ thinkin’.” Do not slow down and worry about “what ifs,” “what fors” or “how are we going to do this or that.” Drive forward as a team of Companions with the power of positive thinking. Only consider what we can do. Do not consider all the things you can’t do.

We can do this, so let’s go make it happen. Just do it as a team, together, one goal, one team, and begin growing this wonderful organization we proudly lead.

With that, I want to again thank you for your support tonight and for this operating year. I am truly proud to be your new CINC and I commit to you that I will, to the best of my ability, leave this Order in better shape when I hand over the Order’s Command Sabre to the next CINC. Without question, I and the EXCOM will need your untiring help to address and successfully deal with the challenges facing the MOWW. We’re all in it together! ★



CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF SERVICE

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

The 2019 MOWW Convention was an incredible event by any standard. Dynamic workshops, an enthusiastic MOWW Awards Luncheon, highly-productive Business and General Staff sessions and a world-class CINC Banquet, all complemented by top-drawer speakers and camaraderie throughout, made it a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Attending Companions and guests experienced an unparalleled convening that left everyone feeling uplifted, better equipped and reinvigorated—feelings that they took back to their chapters to increasingly serve youth, community and nation ... and the good and the longevity of the Military Order.

Thanks go to Lt Col David Worley, USAF (Ret) and his California Team for their great diligence, attention to detail and imagination in hosting this memorable centennial event

PRE-CONVENTION (5-6 Aug 19)

The first two days featured the annual MOWW Golf Tourney, and key leadership sessions involving the EXCOM and the Board of Trustees,” the latter two examining the just-concluded Operating Year. Also featured were two “All Hands” tours, the first being to the Griffith Observatory & the Hollywood Sign and the second being to the Autry Museum of the American West.

The CINC Welcome capped these two days with a superb buffet dinner, a warm welcome from then-CINC LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret), and the Mayor of Simi Valley, CA, the Honorable Keith L. Mashburn. During the buffet, the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps service songs were played to honor those attending. HPM SGM Michael A. Culbertson, twice a chapter commander, brilliantly leapt into the breach and beautifully sang the official US Coast Guard march, *Semper Paratus* (“Always Ready”), to a standing ovation!

CONVENTION (7-10 Aug 19)

The convention showcased the MOWW Leadership Academy, which was opened by then-CINC Hollywood and included the Region Commander, Region & Chapter Commander, Chapter Commander & Staff, Best Practices, IRS Filing and MOWW Website Workshops,

which were highly informative and featured strong attendee involvement. In addition, Commanders’ Call, Committee Chairs’ Call and Youth Leadership Conference® & Youth Education Seminar Directors’ Calls also resulted in great engagement and learning opportunities for those attending and presenting.

Next, the Past Commanders-in-Chief Council held their annual working breakfast, addressing issues affecting the good of the Order. Per the Council’s practice, the CINC, the candidate-CINC and the Chief of Staff spoke at the working breakfast where they shared their views and participated in the working breakfast’s informative discussions on a variety of matters.

In addition, Convention attendees participated in a the MOWW Memorial Service, which honored Companions who passed away during the prior Operating Year. This service, organized by Chaplain General LTC Cheryl D. Brady, USA (Ret), was especially moving.

Next, the MOWW Awards celebrated the selfless achievements of so many Companions (e.g., recruiting), chapters (e.g., outreach) and selected others from the local communities (e.g., first responders). While chapter competition was fierce, all helped the award recipients celebrate their honors. Of particular note was the Luncheon’s featured



speaker, RADM Paul B. Becker, USN (Ret), a career intelligence officer and a member of the Northern Virginia Chapter, who then-CINC LTC Hollywood presented a MOWW Plaque of Merit.

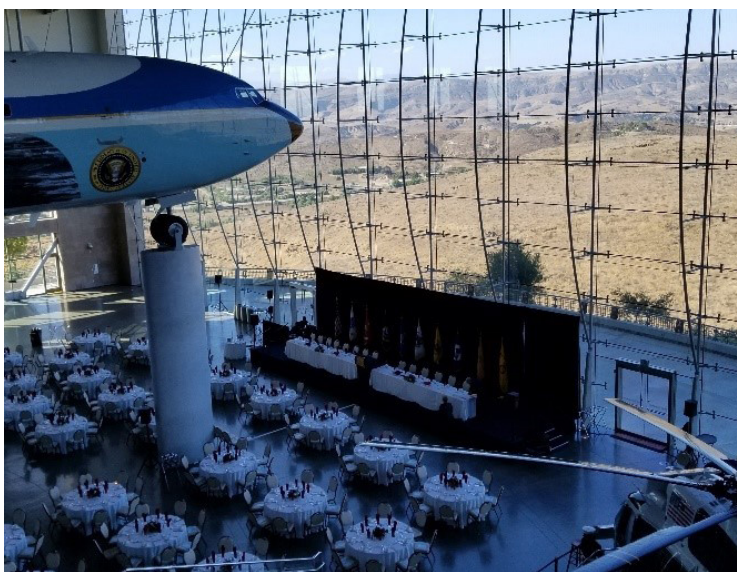
The Convention also included the annual national elections, organized brilliantly by the Nominating Committee led by PCINC Clay C. Le Grande, J., USA (Ret), Chair, and then-IPCINC Col David B. Gibson, USAF (Ret). Candidates spoke to those attending the Convention, highlighting their experience, qualifications and intent as regarding Operating Year 2019-2020. These were followed by Companions who nominated and seconded these candidacies, after which votes were taken and slate of National Officers was developed—to be later approved in the General Staff meeting.

The Business and the General Staff sessions focused on the “good of the Order.” During the Business Meeting, the minutes of the 2018 MOWW Convention were approved, annual reports were presented (also in the MOWW Convention Book) and a large number of proposed amendments to the MOWW Constitution and the MOWW Bylaws were approved.

This latter discussion, moderated by PCINC LTC Gary O. Engen, USA (Ret), Chair, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, covered many proposed amendments and included a very animated discussion on membership eligibility. In all, the discussion was thoughtful, informative and civil, which exemplified the “Dignity of the Order.” Later in the day, the General Staff session occurred during which the slate of candidates from the electoral session was approved.

The convention ended with the CINC Banquet, held at the beautiful Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

under the wings of his Air Force One. There, then-SVCINC LTC Charles C. Chamberlin, USA (Ret), received the National Commander’s Medal and then-CINC Hollywood received an Eagle statue for his exceptional service as the CINC. Of special note was VADM Robert L. Thomas, Jr., the 2020 Distinguished Service Award Recipient, who spoke to those assembled on Pacific Theater politico-military affairs ... and MOWW chapter involvement.



The evening and the convention concluded with the swearing-in of National Officers, and the Order’s change of command, which transferred the Saber of Command from now-IPCINC Hollywood to now-CINC Chamberlin. Upon the completion of that ceremony and CINC Chamberlin taking his national

oath of office, both IPCINC Hollywood and CINC Chamberlin gave their concluding remarks. IPCINC Hollywood praised the Order for donating more than \$100,000 to the CINC Solicitation. Then, CINC Chamberlin announced his Tiger Team Recruiting Initiative to facilitate the Order’s membership reflecting an annual growth curve. Upon the completion of their remarks, CINC Chamberlin adjourned the very succesful convention. ★

2020 MOWW CONVENTION

The 2020 MOWW Convention will be held from 4–8 Aug 20 at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton Detroit-Dearborn and will feature an enhanced agenda. The Detroit Chapter host has already been preparing for this convention for a year and promises all a glorious time.

Please go to <https://www.moww.org>, “MOWW Convention,” for details. See you there!!



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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:

VADM Robert L. Thomas, JR., USN, (Ret)
(San Diego Chapter, CA)



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 Charles S. Chamberlin, USA (Ret)
(Dallas Chapter, TX)

GOLD PATRICK HENRY RECIPIENTS

The Commander-in-Chief (CINC), Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVCINC), the four Vice Commanders-in-Chief (VCINC) and the Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief (IPCINC) award Gold Patrick Henry Medals to Companions.

Presenter: CINC LTC Hollywood

LTC Patrick C. Stolze, USA (Ret)

COL Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ

CAPT Harry H. Weinberg, SC, USN (Ret)

Greater Boston Chapter, MA

LTC James A. Brady III, MD, USA (Ret)

Augusta Chapter, GA

Presenter: SVCINC LTC Chamberlin

CDR Ralph D. Lewis, USCG (Ret)

Hill Country Chapter, TX

Presenter: VCINC BGen Lopez

COL John L. Moriarity, USA (Ret)

GA Bradley-COL Hanson Chapter, CA

Presenter: VCINC CDR Hartman

LTC Carlton R. Witte, USA (Ret)

Wilmington Chapter, DE

Presenter: VCINC Maj Williams

LTC Arthur B. Fowler III, USA (Ret)

Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX

Presenter: VCINC CPT Mitchel

LTC Charles R. Conover, USA (Ret)

Sun City Center Chapter, FL

Presenter: IPCINC Col Gibson

CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret)

Northern Virginia Chapter, VA

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, VCINC 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.

REGION COMMANDER RECOGNITION

Region IV

LTC Michael A. Okin, MD, USA (Ret)

Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA

Region VIII

Col Norman E. Wells, USAF (Ret)

Hill Country Chapter, TX

Region XIII

Lt Col George F. Heileman, USAF (Ret)

COL Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ

Region XIV

CAPT Ralph P. Scaffidi, USN (Ret)

Conejo Valley Chapter, CA

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RECOGNITION

Department of Massachusetts
CAPT Paul E. Mawn, USN (Ret)
 Greater Boston Chapter, MA

Department of Delaware
COL Harry S. Hughes, USA (Ret)
 Wilmington Chapter, DE

Department of the Nat'l. Capital Area
Col Douglas A. Roderick, USAF (Ret)
 Maj Gen Wade Chapter, DC

Department of Southern Virginia
LTC Henry L. Wyatt II, USA (Ret)
 Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA

Department of Oklahoma
Lt Col David S. Wilson, USAF (Ret)
 COL Woods-OKC Chapter, OK

Department of Texas
Capt Paul W. Brown, USAF (Ret)
 Dallas Chapter, TX

11. Department of Arizona
COL Patricia A. Little-Upah, USA (Ret)
 COL Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ

12. Department of Southern California
CAPT Quinn L. Hawley, USN (Ret)
 LTG Wright Chapter, CA

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Greater Boston Chapter, MA
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 Region I

MG (Bvt) Chamberlain Chapter, ME **COL Robert E. Barton, USA (Ret)**
 Region I

Fort Knox Chapter, KY
Col Timothy D. Moore
 Region II

GEN Ridgway-Pittsburgh Chapter, PA
COL George D. Ehringer, USA (Ret)
 Region III

Hampton Roads Chapter, VA
Col William E. Townsley, USAF (Ret)
 Region IV

General Meade Chapter, MD
CW3 Kirk Conover, USA (Ret)
 Region IV

Maj Gen Wade Chapter, DC
COL Dennis M. Duggan, USA (Ret)
 Region IV

Northern Virginia Chapter, VA
COL Vicente C. Ogilvie, USA (Ret)
 Region IV

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CAPT Edward W. Gantt, USN (Ret)
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 Region IV

Augusta Chapter, GA
CPT James A. Brady III, USA (Fmr)
 Region V

GEN Westmoreland Chapter, SC
Lt Col Gerald R. Arter, USAF (Ret)
 Region V



Puerto Rico Chapter, PR
Col Adalberto Rivera, Jr.
 Region VI

Sun City Center Chapter, FL
LTC Charles R. Conover, Jr., USA (Ret)
 Region VI

LTG Middleton Chapter, LA
HPM Mary G. McKeough
 Region VII

COL Woods-OKC Chapter, OK **COL James L. Selders, USA (Ret)**
 Region VIII

Dallas Chapter, TX
HPM William J. Farmer
 Region VIII

Fort Hood Chapter, TX
1st Lt Randolph E. Teague, USAF (Fmr)
 Region VIII

Fort Worth Chapter, TX
MAJ Donald L. Cranford, USA (Ret)
 Region VIII

Hill Country Chapter, TX
HRM Gay Nell Wells
 Region VIII

North Texas Chapter, TX
CDR John G. Lopez III, USNR (Ret)
 Region VIII

San Antonio Chapter, TX
Maj Marian E. Weller, USAF (Ret)
 Region VIII

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MSG Jeanne M. Erickson
 Region XIII

Denver Chapter, CO
LTC William J. Kraemer, USA (Ret)
 Region XIII

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HPM Vernon V. Haywood, Jr.
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Phoenix Chapter, AZ
HPM Jeffrey Schrade
 Region XIII

Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
CDR Joel M. Greenberg, USN (Ret)
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West Valley Chapter, AZ
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 Region XIII

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Saddleback Valley Chapter, CA
1LT Andre LeCault
 Region XIV

San Diego Chapter, CA
HPM Barbara Peralta
 Region XIV

GENERAL OF THE ARMIES JOHN J. PERSHING CHAPTER ACTIVITY AWARDS

The Chapter Activities Awards are 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. They are 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."

Large Chapter:

- **WINNER:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** San Diego Chapter, CA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** General Meade Chapter, MD

Medium Chapter:

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

Small Chapter:

- **WINNER:** Fort Knox Chapter, KY
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Hill Country Chapter TX





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: Hill Country Chapter, TX

- **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: Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA

- **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: Northern Virginia Chapter, VA



TOP RECRUITER AWARD

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:

Brig Gen Arthur B. Morrill III, USAF (Ret)
Northern Virginia Chapter, VA

CERTIFICATES OF RECRUITING MERIT

Certificates of Recruiting Merit honor those chapters with strong recruiting programs during the operating year.

- **CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING MERIT**
Greater Boston Chapter, Ma
- **CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING MERIT**
Chicago Chapter, IL
- **CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING MERIT**
Puerto Rico Chapter, PR
- **CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING MERIT**
COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING MERIT**
Sun City Center, FL
- **CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING MERIT**
Puget Sound Chapter, WA



RECRUITING HONORABLE MENTIONS

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

• HONORABLE MENTION:

COL Joseph P. Kirlin III, USA (Ret)
Philadelphia Chapter, PA

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LTC Michael A. Okin, MD, USA (Ret)
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• HONORABLE MENTION:

CPT William J. Maloney, USA (Fmr)
Greater Boston Chapter, MA

• HONORABLE MENTION:

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

• HONORABLE MENTION:

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Chicago Chapter, IL

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Central Arkansas Chapter, WA

• HONORABLE MENTION:

PCINC LTC David R. Titus, USA (Ret)
Augusta Chapter, GA

• HONORABLE MENTION:

COL Michael P. Peck, USA (Ret)
Chicago Chapter, IL

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.

Large Chapter:

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

Medium Chapter:

- **WINNER:** Phoenix Chapter, AZ
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Hampton Roads Chapter, VA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL

Small Chapter:

- **WINNER:** MG Wheeler-Huntsville Chapter, AL
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Hill Country Chapter, TX
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** West Valley Chapter, AZ

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.

- **WINNER:** Logan Wade Wilson
San Diego Youth Leadership Conference;
Director: Mr. Travis Putnam
Scholarship: \$2,000
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Sarah Catherine Spivey
Texas A&M Youth Leadership Conference;
Director: MG Gary Bunch USA (Ret),
Scholarship: \$1,000
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Kenya Imani Smith
Tallahassee Youth Leadership Conference
Director: Lt Col John E. Cahoon, Jr., USAF (Ret),
Scholarship: \$500

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

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



Category 2: Chapters supporting 10-17 ROTC units:

- **WINNER:** Hampton Roads Chapter, VA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Worcester Chapter, MA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA

Category 3: Chapters supporting 18-23 ROTC units:

- **WINNER:** San Diego Chapter, CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** GEN Ridgeway-Pittsburgh Chapter, PA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Denver Chapter, CO

Category 4: Chapters supporting 24-29 ROTC units:

- **WINNER:** Clearwater Chapter, FL
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA

Category 5: Chapters supporting 30-83 ROTC units:

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

Category 6: Chapters supporting 84+ ROTC units:

- **WINNER:** Puget Sound Chapter, WA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Atlanta Chapter, GA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** LTG Middleton Chapter, LA

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:

- **WINNER:** Denver Chapter, CO
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** New Jersey Chapter, NJ
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Worcester Chapter, MA



Medium Chapter:

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

Large Chapter:

- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** San Diego Chapter, CA

HPM JAMES C. BAIRD NATIONAL SCOUTING AWARD

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:

LT Evan L. Totten, USN (FMR)
(Denver Chapter, CO)

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.

RECIPIENTS:

CAPT Royce A. Engler, USN (Ret)
(Houston Chapter, TX)

1LT Brian R. Burch, USA (Fmr)
(Chicago Chapter, TX)





VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAM AWARD

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

Small Chapter:

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

Medium Chapter:

- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Col Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ

Large Chapter:

- **WINNER:** Atlanta Chapter, GA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** LTG Middleton Chapter, LA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** San Diego Chapter, CA

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:

- **WINNER:** Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX

Medium Chapter:

- **WINNER:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** COL Stevens-Apache Trail Chapter AZ



- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

Large Chapter:

- **WINNER:** Greater El Paso Chapter, TX
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA

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.

- **WINNER:**
Battalion Chief Travis Ederer
(Monticello Fire Department, CA)
Sponsor: COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:**
William B. Evans
(Boston Police Commissioner (Former), MA)
Sponsor: Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:**
HPM Charles W. Bennett, Jr.
(Senior Law Enforcement Officer, DOJ (Retired), VA)
Sponsor: Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA

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.

- **WINNER:**
Deputy Kai Bowman
(San Diego County Sheriff Department, CA)
Sponsor: MajGen Pendleton Chapter, CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:**
Fire Fighter Shankar Tillotson
(San Diego County Fire Department, CA)

Sponsor: COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

- **2ND RUNNER-UP:**
Police Officer Bryan Jones
(City of Irving Police Department, TX)
Sponsor: Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX

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

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:

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

Medium Chapter:

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

Large Chapter:

- **WINNER:** Augusta Chapter, GA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Greater El Paso Chapter, TX
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** 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:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** North Texas Chapter, TX

Large Chapter:

- **WINNER:** Greater El Paso 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:

- **WINNER:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, TX
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Hill Country Chapter, TX

Medium Chapter:

- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Fort Worth Chapter, TX

Large Chapter:

- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Augusta Chapter, GA

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARDS

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

Small Chapter:

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

Medium Chapter:

- **WINNER:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Fort Worth Chapter, TX
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA

Large Chapter:

- **WINNER:** Dallas Chapter, TX
- **1ST RUNNER-UP:** Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **2ND RUNNER-UP:** San Diego Chapter, CA

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- **1ST PRIZE AWARD (\$2,000):**
CAPT Thomas J. Marshall, Jr., MC, USN (Ret)
"Battle of Virginia Capes;"
(OR, Nov-Dec 18)
San Diego Chapter, CA
- **2ND PRIZE AWARD (\$1,000):**
LTC Joe E. Harris, Jr., USA (Ret)
"Bowl of Cherries;"
(OR, Jul-Aug 18)
Catalina Mountains Chapter, AZ
- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**
LTC Kevin M. Upton, USA (Ret)
"Veterans Day with the Pershing Rifles Group,"
(OR, Nov-Dec 18)
Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**
CAPT Harry H. Weinberg, SC, USN (Ret)
"We Shall Remember,"
(OR, Jan-Feb 18)
Greater Boston Chapter, MA
- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**
BGen Frederick R. Lopez, USMCR (Ret)
"Marine Aviation in WWII,"
(OR, Mar-Apr 18.)
COL Woolsey, CA

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 XIII

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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REBUILDING CHAPTERS MEANS SHOWING UP

PCINC CAPT RUSSELL C. VOWINKEL, USN (RET)
COMMANDER, NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (REGION IV)

“Start by doing what is necessary, then what’s possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis accurately describes the resurgence of MOWW’s Northern Virginia Chapter. The story begins three years ago with Companions Lt Col Sheldon Goldberg and Brig Gen Art Morrill discussing the possibility of restarting the chapter. Both officers “put their money where their mouths were” by recruiting new Companions.

Notably, Colonel Goldberg recruited RADM Paul Becker, who was the featured speaker for the MOWW Awards Banquet during the 2019 MOWW Convention. Gen Morrill, who was twice the Order’s Top Recruiter and tries to recruit every eligible person he meets, volunteered to be the Adjutant-Treasurer. I volunteered as the chapter commander and COL John Whidden, who reaffiliated with the chapter and volunteered as our Senior Vice Commander, quickly recruited two new Companions. Our collective efforts also resulted in inactive Companions becoming active.

Be aware that this wasn’t just an internal combustion operation either. PCINC COL Clay La Grande sent COL Vicente Ogilvie to our chapter and this officer now chairs our ROTC/JROTC Outreach Program. Capt Mike Halpin sent Maj Alea Nadeem to us as a speaker and she affiliated with the chapter soon after presenting a riveting story of her life beginning in Iraq to her now being a US citizen and an active duty US Air Force officer in a fellowship program with the US Congress.

I hope you can see this article’s focus is success comes from participation by many—not a few. One Companion cannot restore a chapter to vitality any more than only one person can run a chapter. Only many hands can make magic. That’s why support from IPCINC John Hollywood, who presented the chapter its flags, was significant. Trustee (then-VCINC) Bob Hartman helped kick start the chapter at the

beginning of the journey with his attendance and support. PCINC LTC Ruth Hamilton and PCINC LTC Alfred Shehab attended one of the first chapter meetings to render their invaluable support, while traveling some distance. CDR John Baumgarten (Commander, Region IV) frequently offered encouragement and support for our efforts as a part of the Companion Team.

Has it been easy? Far from it. Frankly, “selective participation” is a powerful obstacle to overcome—but it can be overcome. I am not sure I can identify all of the elements in a formula for success—if there is even a single formula—but several ingredients are certainly noteworthy.

The chapter must have an action plan and follow it. Meetings must be regular and meeting sites must be convenient even if they vary. There must be a schedule of chapter and staff meetings, and other chapter and veterans events that should be published in a chapter newsletter. In fact, the chapter must have a newsletter to share information, rally Companions, encourage involvement and recognize Companions. Our newsletter editor, Garrett Vowinkel, is our youngest member. There is a place for everyone.

Our chapter recognizes Companions, somebody, at every meeting. Enlightening programs and speakers are constantly sought. Sponsoring YLC students and recognizing first responders, scouts and cadets build community acceptance ... and create recruiting opportunities. In fact, recruiting must be everyone’s focus and pursued at every opportunity—from planned events to chance encounters.

In short, chapter Companions must have a vision, passion and persistence to succeed. Moving forward to a better state naturally involves leaving

one’s comfort zone. We believe to make real progress we must each adopt the “comfort zone” of explorers who are committed to achieving great things! ★



THE ART OF MEETING

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

Our Order recently enjoyed the centennial of its founding because of Companions infused with the spirit of volunteerism, committed to selflessly serving others and perpetually dedicated to enhancing chapter vitality. These same attributes will ensure the success of CINC LTC Chamberlin's Order-wide "Tiger Team Recruiting Initiative."

This vital initiative has region teams visiting and helping chapters that haven't been recruiting. These region teams and the chapters they visit will jointly identify recruiting obstacles to develop techniques to overcome those obstacles. (For more details, see the CINC's remarks during the CINC Banquet at the 2019 MOWW Convention in this issue, and your region commander.) For the good of chapters, we must support this initiative by each of us doing whatever is needed to ensure it absolutely succeeds.

In this column, we've discussed many ways to enhance the vitality and longevity of chapters. This year we've talked about being more self-reliant (Jan-Feb), being more effective (Mar-Apr), preparing for success (May-Jun), and moving the chapter forward (Jul-Aug). In this "Chief's Notes," we'll discuss chapter meetings because once we recruit someone, we've got to "bring them home" to be part of the "chapter family." That means new or long-absent Companions must attend chapter meetings to be involved, fulfilled and retained.

Someone once said, "A meeting is an event at which the minutes are kept and the hours are lost." While that can be true, we want informative, productive, motivating and fun meetings—not boring, unproductive, ineffective or infrequent meetings.

Charlie Harary, a Senior Director in a leading New York real estate company, knows about meetings. He says there are five "rules" leading to successful meetings:

1. *Before you schedule a meeting, justify it.* We assume meetings are productive but what if most

meetings aren't? That's why before you call a meeting, ask yourself, "What is my intended outcome? What do I want to accomplish?"

2. *Invite players, not spectators.* We must participate and be committed to achieving results. Also, if people do not feel necessary, they won't be as diligent to engage or follow-up on discussed items. They will assume that others will do it. Eventually, they just will not attend any meetings.
3. *Meetings should not fill allotted time; allot time to fulfill the meeting.* Don't fit the meeting into the calendar; use the calendar to capture the time needed to achieve the meeting's specified goals.
4. *If you called the meeting, you own it.* Drive the agenda and keep the meeting focused, action-oriented, informative and fun.
5. *End each meeting with assigned actions.* Before meetings end, review action items, share them with attendees and discuss them in the next meeting. Attendees should know what they must do and that their actions will be reviewed by the group.

Agenda items should have a purpose and intended outcomes too. That's why the EXCOM groups them as "Decision," "Tasking," "Discussion" or "Information." Moreover, the number of attendees should vary based on the meeting's purpose, e.g., information (more), brainstorming (less).

Last, vary the nature, location and times of meetings.

Yes, MOWW has a meeting "template," but you should create other "templates," e.g., a social meeting such as a dinner where Companions can better know each other, an entertainment-focused outing such as a play to have fun. In closing, the more Companions convene, the tighter they become as a group and the more they become engaged as volunteers—because they just enjoy being with each other. ★



SUICIDE: THE ISSUE THAT WON'T GO AWAY

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

I recently attended the third annual Veterans Suicide Prevention Summit in Colorado Springs, CO. In the years since this seminar started, the suicide rate among veterans has not declined country-wide or in Colorado. It is still approximately 22 per day in the US—which is 22 too many. All veterans—young and old—are vulnerable.

All agreed on the methods of preventing the problem. Simply put, a veteran must be connected with his environment and people via relationships, group interaction and support institutions. The veteran must be properly educated and aware of these support possibilities as well as having access to them. The veteran needs security in his milieu and with his associates, as well as getting himself in a financially stable condition. He needs a feeling of safety and must be distanced from lethal devices and behavioral temptations.

In other words, the potential suicide must be protected from “bad things” and be given “good things” to help him out. Never were factors such as contemporary moral standards, upbringing with a sense of self-worth, interaction with a good family structure, deemphasis of self over community, or being adjusted before entering the service brought up. However, there is evidence that a lack of a stable family life and ethical community standards are the real precipitating factors, coupled with the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) resulting from military service exacerbated by not having learned coping skills in prior life are factors.

Is it possible the veteran who was unprepared for the ups and downs of military life to begin with result in being unable to cope with post service life? Is the crucial lack of “background” the culprit?

There are a vast number of agencies, websites, counseling services, medical professionals and religiously-affiliated organizations reaching out to help. Short- and long-term financial aid is available in abundance.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has numerous methods to house, “de-addict” the addicted, assist in evaluating and treating troubles and in offering cures for numerous conditions. Special courts and programs are set up where they are perceived to be needed. Part of the handouts given listed six “apps” to use, e.g., problem-solving skills for stress, control of physical and emotional stress, safety plan and support during crises were among them. A suicide risk management consultation program for providers was also presented.

“Whole health” resources have become a “thing,” offering patient-centered care and cultural transformation share points, and a biweekly podcast series on suicide prevention as well as veteran fishing, riding and animal interactional events.

To my way of thinking, preventing suicide in veterans either unable to cope, in mental or physical pain or stuck in a spiral of addiction or alcohol, can indeed benefit from the numerous programs and one-on-one interactions. However, these are temporary stabilizing things that may correct the crisis at hand but is the duty of us all, huge as it seems, to provide some standards to life that veterans in distress can count on and trust.

Maybe changing the world is a tall order, but “a journey of a thousand miles starts with one step.” **Do** try this at home.

Be well. ★



IN GOD WE TRUST

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

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."
—Proverbs 3:5,6

Life is too big for man to try to live out or to handle on his own. Therefore, we all trust in someone or something. We must answer the question in whom or in what are we trusting? It is a question to be answered not only today but every day.

Oftentimes, when we hear the phrase, "In God we trust," we think about the motto on our currency. Yet long before it became our nation's motto, it could be heard in The Star-Spangled Banner written by Frances Scott Key in 1814. In the last stanza, Key writes a variation of the phrase. It reads, "...and this be our motto: In God is our trust. And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave." The words were shortened to "In God We Trust," which was first applied to US coins in 1864, fifty years later.

To trust in God is not conditional cooperation but full surrender of our hearts in obedience. Moses, the prophet of God, commanded His people to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all soul

and with all your strength." Trusting in God invokes loyalty and allegiance to God above all else in this world, which are virtues that can come at great cost. To trust in God is to say "Yes" to His love, will and ways.

Where our heart is, there we find where our trust lies. Trusting in God is a position of the heart made possible only by God. Trusting in God results in the blessing of a high-quality relationship that God alone accomplishes.

Should this present world remain for another 100 years, the Order's existence will remain a strategic force to be used of God as long as we trust and depend on Him. Our survival these past 100 years was through trust in Him. Our survival for a bicentennial celebration of serving youth, community and the nation will only come as a result of the same.

Sadly, our nation has become a stronghold of rebellion against what is good and right. Yet we are making a difference through our Order, a world-class veterans service organization, and we can continue making a difference as long as we trust in God. ★





G/A Bradley-COL Hanson Chapter, CA

One Hundred Years Of Service

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The convention included highlights from the first 100 years of the Order and re-enactments of speeches by General of the Armies John J. "Blackjack" Pershing and General of the Army Douglas MacArthur.

Photo top left, actor and veteran Jimmy Weldon leads the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America." Photo top right, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur re-enactor Robert Tidwell of Culver City, CA, poses next to a cardboard cut-out of the real GA MacArthur. Above, then-CINC LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret), and re-enactor Chas Rittenhouse Sr. (General of the Armies John Pershing) cut the cake during a centennial celebration on 9 August at Grand Vista Hotel in Simi Valley, CA.



GEN Middleton Chapter, LA

Chapter Presents Youth Merit Medals

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BY LTC PAUL K. McKEOUGH, JR., USA (Ret), AND HPM MS MARY McKEOUGH

On 7 May 2019 the chapter held its annual Spring Fling at the Louisiana Public Broadcasting facility. A highlight of the evening was the MOWW Youth Merit Medal presentations. This MOWW award honors non-ROTC youth. The medals were presented to Aaron Dougherty, Senior, Parkview Baptist High School (not pictured), and twin brothers Aaron Taliaferro and Justin Taliaferro, both seniors from Runnels High School, by LTC Shaun McGarry, USA (Ret).

Photo top left: LTC Shaun McGarry presents the MOWW Youth Merit Medal to Aaron Taliaferro. Photo Top right: LTC Shaun McGarry congratulates Justin Taliaferro. Photo below, (L-R): HPM Ms Julee Blanchard; HPM Mrs. Montez Le Grande; HRM Ms Diana Jambon; HPM Billy Breland; Ms Jonnie Doris; HPM Mrs. Donna Widner; LTC Shaun McGarry; HRM Mrs. Katie McGarry; Ms Marilyn Jones. Second Row (L-R): COL Shelby Hargrove, USAR (Ret); Ms Carla Le Grande; Maj Rod Breland, USAF (Ret); LTC Paul McKeough, USA (Ret); PCINC COL Clay Le Grande, USA (Ret); COL Fred Palmer, USA (Ret); Mrs Nicole Palmer; LTC Patrick Widner, USAR (Ret), and LTC Reginald Brown, USA (Ret).





San Diego Chapter, CA

*Logan Wilson, 2018
Phoenician Award
Winner*

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Then-CINC LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret), arrived from Maryland to make this special presentation to MOWW's Phoenician Award winner. He presented Mr. Logan Wilson the 2018 Phoenician Award and a check for \$2000.

Then-CINC Hollywood with Logan Wilson and his family.



Fort Knox Chapter, KY

Installation of Newly Elected Commander and Staff Officers.

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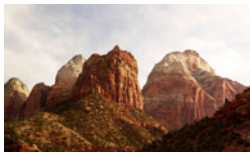
The Fort Knox Chapter held its monthly membership meeting on 16 July. The primary order of business for the July meeting was the installation of the newly-elected commander and staff officers. At the June meeting, Companions elected the chapter commander and staff for the 2019-2020 Operating Year.

Companion MG William E. Barron, USA (Ret), presided over the ceremony. Chapter officers plan to continue their efforts in youth patriotic education and furthering scouting, ROTC and veterans' projects and support in other areas for which the Fort Knox chapter is noted.

The Fort Knox Chapter installed its commander and staff at the July meeting. (L-R): MG William E. Barron, USA (Ret), installed chapter officers. Installed were Adjutant LTC Lawrence A. Herzog, USAR (Ret); Junior Vice-Commander COL Robert L. Westholm, Jr., USA (Ret); Commander BG Charles D. Estes, USAR (Ret); Senior Vice-commander COL Dale Stewart, USA (Ret), and Treasurer LTC Richard L. Ardisson, USA (Ret).



Disabled Veterans eligible for free National Park Service Lifetime Access Pass



Many veterans, with a service connected disability rating, are entering Federal recreation lands and national parks for

free with an America the Beautiful-the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Lifetime Access Pass. The pass is good for entry into 400+ National Parks, over 2,000 recreation sites and thousands of federally managed recreation sites across the country through an interagency partnership between the US Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation. The Lifetime Access Pass admits the pass owner and any passengers in a single, private vehicle (non-commercial) at per-vehicle entrance and day use fee areas; or, the pass owner plus three additional adults where per-person fees are charged. In addition to free entry at participating sites, the Access Pass includes discounts on some expanded amenity fees such as camping. *Sites highly recommend that pass owners check with each site before visiting for details about Access Pass entry and discounts.*

Veterans who have been medically determined to have a disability are eligible for the Lifetime Access Pass—with three options for obtaining the pass:

- Veterans with disability documentation can order the Access Pass online for a \$10 processing fee which includes standard shipping. Documentation required includes Proof of residency; VA disability award letter, VA summary of benefits, or proof of SSDI income.
- The Interagency Access Pass may be obtained through the mail. Download a paper application from <https://store.usgs.gov/access-pass> and follow the instructions on the website.
- Disabled veterans may visit a participating federal recreation site where interagency passes are issued, present photo identification (e.g., Driver's license, State ID, birth certificate, Passport, or permanent resident card), provide documentation of permanent disability, or read and sign a Statement of Permanent Disability affidavit. That's It. The pass is free and issued at the time of entry.

See the original article here: <https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/60590/disabled-veterans-eligible-free-national-park-service-lifetime-access-pass/>

From The National Resource Directory Operation Family Caregiver



Operation Family Caregiver supports families of those who have served our nation and helps families of returning service members and veterans adjust to the “new normal” by coping more effectively with problems they never imagined. See their website at <http://www.operationfamilycaregiver.org>

September is Suicide Awareness Prevention Month



For more information about VA's suicide prevention efforts, access these online resources:

- Veterans Crisis Line: A free, anonymous, confidential resource that's available to any Service member or veteran in crisis: www.veteranscrisisline.net/
- Veteran suicide prevention shareable materials: Downloadable resources and information to help support veterans: www.veteranscrisisline.net/support/shareable-materials
- “Be There” public service announcement: service members and veterans talking about the small actions by friends and family members that made a big difference to them: www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCSZ7FjTq5I
- S.A.V.E. online suicide prevention video: Training to learn how to recognize suicide risk factors and warning signs: <https://psycharmor.org/courses/s-a-v-e/>
- Make the Connection: Stories of Veterans who have dealt with mental health issues, have found support (whether through treatment or with the help of a loved one), and are living healthy, productive lives: <https://maketheconnection.net/>
- VA Mental Health website: VA's repository of mental health resources, information, and data materials, including VA's National Strategy for Prevention Veteran Suicide 2018–2028: <https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/>



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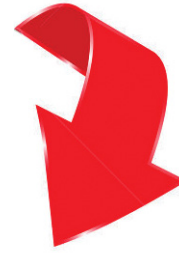
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