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ADVERSITY BREEDS OPPORTUNITY

Dear Companions:

“Out of adversity comes opportunity.” Benjamin Franklin

If anything certain can be said of the last OY, it is Benjamin Franklin’s aphorism. The COVID-19 Pandemic presented challenges to every echelon of the Order in achieving the Order’s six Strategic Goals. Some chapters succeeded beyond expectations, others surrendered to the moment.

However, localities are opening again. Despite the lingering presence of SARS-COV-2 variants, the COVID-19 Pandemic is inexorably passing into the nation’s, if not the global, memory. Now is the time for Companions across the Order to reflect on the past year and to plan for the future.

How can this be accomplished? Where to begin? Lewis Carroll, in *Alice in Wonderland*, said it best when the King said, “Begin at the beginning, and go on till you come to the end: then stop.”

First, assess the past two OYs. Review OY 2019 and OY 2020 Strategic Goal Report Cards and compare chapters of similar size. Emulate best practices and communicate with other chapters for advice on their successes. Craft a Chapter Action Plan (CAP) for OY 2021 reflecting usual chapter activity, but also consider deficiencies unveiled by the pandemic. Address each of the Order’s six Strategic Goals.

Second, return to foundational characteristics which serve to ensure chapter success, viability, and sustainability. A chapter should meet at least six times each year, whether in-person or virtually. Impediments to meeting can be overcome with creativity and perseverance. Regular chapter communication is essential to keep the chapter cohesive. This ensures that chapter activities are communicated to chapter Companions and information from the Order is communicated through the chain of command. Leadership development and succession planning is integral to the vibrancy of chapters, bringing in fresh ideas and new energy. Begin now to develop new leaders.

Third, successfully navigating the basics will lead to improved recruitment, which is imperative if the Order is to succeed. Begin now to focus chapter activities on recruiting new Companions.

The Order and each chapter have much to offer their respective communities. We are emerging from a time of adversity. Let us seize the opportunities before us and create new avenues of success. I am humbled and honored to be leading this effort.

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“IT IS NOBLER TO SERVE”



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CINC 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 (Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon). He deployed to Grenada. He later completed a Family Medicine Fellowship at the University of North Carolina, and in 1987, he transferred to the Army Reserve and moved to Lynchburg, VA, as the Associate Director, Lynchburg Family Medicine Residency Program. He later deployed during the Gulf War, after which he reentered private practice. In 1997, he retired from the Army Reserve and in 2015, he retired from medical practice. He has served as: Commander, Virginia Piedmont Chapter; Vice-Chair, Education & Training Committee; Member, Strategic Planning Committee; a VCINC; and SVCINC. ★



SVCINC BG Victor S. Perez, USA (Ret)

BG Perez graduated from the University of Puerto Rico (BS, Business Administration, *magna cum laude*) as a Distinguished ROTC Cadet. He also holds an 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). He previously served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, PRARNG. His last duty assignment was Director, Joint Staff (Joint Force HQ, PRARNG) and Contingency Commander (PRARNG). Prior MOWW positions held include Commander, Puerto Rico Chapter, and VCINC. ★



VCINC Lt Col David J. Worley, USAF (Ret)

Lt Col Worley has been a proud MOWW Companion since 2011, having retired from a full Air Force career and, after that, having retired from serving as a AFJROTC Instructor. He is currently the Commander, GA Bradley-COL Hanson Chapter, which hosted the 2019 Centennial National Convention (Simi Valley). He is also the current Director, Greater Los Angeles Youth Leadership Seminar; the current Assistant Director for Operations and Curriculum Development (Thousand Oaks Youth Leadership Conference). and a former Commander, Department of Central California, a former Commander, Region XIV. ★



VCINC LTC Charles R. Conover, Jr., USA (Ret)

VCINC LTC Charles R. Conover, Jr., USA (Ret), graduated from college in 1962 with a degree in mechanical engineering and was commissioned a second lieutenant in Air Defense Artillery. Next, he transferred to the Wisconsin Army National Guard (1965) and was assigned to 2/632 Armored Battalion in Green Bay, WI, as the battalion motor officer through its redesignation as the 1/127 Infantry. He also served as the aide-de-camp to the Adjutant General of Wisconsin for two years. Next, he served as the S-4 and later as the S-3. Transferred to 64 RAOC as the XO, he was promoted to XO of Troop Command in 1984 and retired from the Wisconsin Army National Guard in 1986. As a civilian, he worked for Paper Converting Machine Company for 23 years and then was the VP/GM of the Hayssen Paper Packaging Machinery Division, a Bemis Company, until the division was sold. After retiring to Florida in 2010, he started C. C. Consulting, offering engineering and application services to the paper, film, and foil industries. He has been a Companion since 2011 (Sun City Center Chapter) and has twice served as its commander, and multiple times as the Region VI Commander. He has served as the Chair, Council of Area Commanders, and as an EXCOM member, since being appointed in 2021. As Commander of Region VI, he led his region team in starting one new cadre in North East Florida and he hopes to have a second cadre for The Villages (FL) by the 2021 Convention. ★



VCINC CAPT Edward W. Gantt, USN (Ret)

VCINC CAPT Edward W. Gantt, USN (Ret), enlisted in the US Army after high school, having been drawn to aviation since his early years. He served a 12-month tour in South Vietnam as a helicopter door gunner and crew chief. Separating from the Army in early 1972, he enrolled at Howard University, DC, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree. Deciding to pursue aviation one more time, he entered the US Navy's Aviation Officer Candidate School where he earned his Naval Flight Officer wings and was selected for aviation training in the F-14 Tomcat at Naval Air Station Oceana, VA. For the next 27 years, he flew from the decks of USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, USS Saratoga, USS Forrestal, USS Carl Vinson, and USS Independence. He took command of Fighter Squadron 31 at Naval Air Station Miramar, CA, in 1992 and began serving with the Navy's West Coast Fighter Wing. He is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, DC, and of the Indian National Defense College, New Delhi, India. In 2000 and 2001, he commanded the Navy Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, IL, the Navy's only Boot Camp. Retiring from the Navy in 2003, he began teaching within the public-school systems of Washington, DC, and Prince George's County, MD. He has since served as the Senior Naval Science Instructor at four different high schools in those two school systems while heading up their Navy JROTC programs. He served as Vice Commander, Prince George's County Chapter, prior to his election as Region IV Commander in 2020. ★



VCINC Lt Col Marlon Ruiz, USAF (Ret)

During Lt Col Ruiz's 27-year Air Force career, he initially served for two years in the enlisted corps as a wideband field communications technician. He then served for an additional 25 years as a commissioned officer. As an officer, he was a military aviator, but he also served as a service academy instructor (USMA and USAFA), a diplomatic liaison officer, a Foreign Area Officer, and he provided security assistance in the interagency world. After retirement, he served as an AFJROTC Senior Academic Instructor and as a distance learning program instructor (defense contractor) with C2 Technologies, Inc. ★





Treasurer General LCDR Paul B. Webb, SC, USN (Ret)

Following graduation from Ottawa University with a BA in Finance, LCDR Webb entered the Navy Supply Corps through Officer Candidate School. His initial assignment was Supply Officer of USS Sam Rayburn where he qualified in submarines and completed three strategic deterrence patrols. Paul entered the Business/Financial Management Intern Program with the NAVSEA Aircraft Carrier Project Office during the time in which two nuclear carriers were procured on a single contract for the first time. Sea duty on the USS Proteus, homeported in Guam, was followed by Naval Postgraduate School where Paul earned a MS in Management, focusing on acquisition contract management. This led to his assignment as the Deputy Director of Contracts at NAVPRO/DPRO Sikorsky Helicopter in Stratford, CT. He was then assigned to USS Orion homeported in La Maddalena, Sardinia, Italy as the Assistant Supply Officer. His final assignment was Material Division Director at the Seabee base, Port Hueneme, CA, where he retired. Following his Navy career, Paul moved into education through the Troops to Teachers Program, teaching middle school mathematics and science. Paul was among the first Mathematics Specialists for Elementary and Middle Education in Virginia. Additionally, he taught math classes for teachers as an adjunct professor for UVA. He twice was recognized as a Teacher of the Year, and once as the Bedford County Middle Schools Teacher of the Year. He retired from teaching in 2014. In his retirement, he is a yoga teacher, specializing in yoga for cancer and cardiac patients/survivors, and for people in addiction recovery. He is a member of the Virginia Piedmont Chapter and has served for many years as its treasurer and adjutant. In March 2018, he was appointed Assistant Treasurer General and in 2019 was elected Treasurer General. He co-chairs the Finance Committee, which is responsible for oversight of MOWW's finances. Successful management of finances has resulted in clean audits during his tenure. His primary function as Treasurer General is to manage compliance with the IRS requirement that chapters file IRS Form 990N each year. His aggressive management of the process resulted in all chapters filing during calendar year 2020. This is significant because every chapter of MOWW was therefore eligible for and received the P&M Dividend in spring 2021, providing much needed funds to ensure the on-going success of the chapters and the Order. ★



Judge Advocate General MAJ Andrew J. Rodnite, JD, USA (Fmr)

MAJ Rodnite was a practicing attorney for 53 years. The first five were as JAGC, with the balance of 48 years as a civilian attorney. During that time, he served 20 years on the federal bench, until his retirement in 2006. He was admitted to the bar in NY, NJ, DC, FL, and SCOTUS, and in most federal courts in these jurisdictions: District Court of New Jersey, District Court of DC, DC Court of Appeals, Middle District of Florida, 5th Circuit Court of Appeals (FL), 11th Circuit Court of Appeals (TX). He is an active member of the NJ and FL Bar Associations. He joined MOWW in 2007 and served at chapter and national level as the Judge Advocate and Judge Advocate General, respectively, and as the chapter Law & Order Committee Chair. In that latter role, he arranged annual Law Day programs involving guest speakers from the legal, law enforcement and first responder communities. ★



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

Dr. Mallin is a graduate of Adelphi University and New York Medical College. He is certified with the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. While in the US Army (1966-1968) he earned a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal, and a Combat Medical Badge. In private practice (1975-1994), he was the Alaskan State Physician of the Year. ★



Chaplain General LCDR Debra F. Rogers, ED.D., USN (Ret)

LCDR Rogers is a retired naval officer with more than twenty years of expert military and corporate business experience parlayed with education. As a career Navy logistics officer, Debra served as a logistical expert, globally and domestically. She currently serves as the Senior Naval Science Instructor at Potomac Senior High School, Naval Science Department. Under her leadership, the program has been ranked in the top 20% nationally among other Navy JROTC programs. LCDR Rogers describes herself as an inspirational leader who consistently delivers results via her genuine passion for selflessly helping others. She is a strategic thinker who relies on strong collaborative partnerships. Debra holds seats on several committees in professional, military, and civic leadership organizations. LCDR Rogers holds a Doctor of Education Degree in Leadership with a focus in Organizational Leadership from the City University of Seattle, a Master of Science in Liberal Studies degree with a concentration in teaching and learning from Fort Hays State University, and a Master of Science in Administration degree from Central Michigan University with a focus in Business Administration. Additionally, she obtained two Bachelor of Science degrees in Business concentrating on Global Business Management and Business Administration and Management from the University of Phoenix and Limestone College, respectively. ★



Historian General LTC Arthur B. Fowler, USA (Ret)

After LTC Fowler graduated from Texas A&M University in 1971, he accepted a regular commission in the US Army, serving in Armor and Ordnance Corps assignments. From 1976 to 1989, he was in the Army Reserve Troop Unit Program in Civil Affairs and Ordnance units. Following graduation from Command and General Staff College, he entered the Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) program with assignments in several Army Materiel Command depots. His last assignment before retiring in 1999 was as the IMA Commander of Anniston Army Depot (AL). While there, he was closely involved with the Center of Military History Clearing House. In the private sector, he is retired from the Information Systems Division of the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America. He joined MOWW in 2006 as a Perpetual Member of the Pinson Memorial Chapter (Region VIII) and has held various chapter positions since, including serving three years as the chapter commander. He was also the director of the Southwest Youth Leadership Conference for seven years (Texas Wesleyan University) and he has served as the MOWW Historian General since 2014. ★



THE CINC'S VISION

LTC (DR) MICHAEL A. OKIN, USA (RET)
COMMANDER-IN CHIEF, MOWW, INC.

The global pandemic had created significant challenges to our nation and the Order over the past 17 months. In addition, the Order has faced its own challenges common to “mature Veterans Service Organizations” over many years. The combination of those two situations highlight frailties within our organization requiring immediate attention so that we can prepare for a successful future in the Order’s second century of existence.

Because of the pandemic, chapters were faced with unprecedented obstacles for which many chapters were unprepared. Those that adapted to the changing environment had some successes, and those that failed to adapt uncovered flaws that now need addressing and repairing.

CINC Lopez and the senior command recognized these threats early, and executed plans to minimize the inevitable damage to the MOWW. We are emerging from the pandemic, and now we have to address how the rebuilding and reinvigoration of the Order will occur. What has this unique year uncovered?

Frankly, the Order is not as nimble and adaptable as it ought to be in the 21st Century, and is slow in making decisions. It has failed to adequately address the aging demographics of its Companions and its long-term impact on the Order. It has failed to adapt the Order’s operations to the needs of the current generation of active duty, newly retired and former officers in order to replenish our ranks and reinvigorate our ethos. How did this manifest itself during OY 2020?

Significantly, the MOWW Constitution & Bylaws do not account for alternative means of conducting the



business of the Order under extraordinary situations such as occurred with this pandemic. Additionally, these documents limit the participation and inclusion of the majority of our Companions who do not attend a convention or are not delegates. We need to address these things.

We must address the Order’s organizational structure. As currently designed, the organizational structure is

complex, multilayered and inefficient when it comes to the management and accountability within the Order. This results in the slow and uneven achievement of our Strategic Goals and makes the Order less nimble and able to address the Order’s needs.

Further, differing chapter dynamics lead to inconsistent implementation of operations with varying degrees of success in achieving MOWW’s Strategic Goals at the chapter level. Companions at all leadership levels - National Officers, commanders, committees, outreach program leads - need to become familiar with their chapters’ unique personalities. Together we must partner with each other and with other chapters to identify structural deficiencies and help each other overcome these challenges so chapters can achieve their unique goals and those of the Order.

To help with the Order’s perennial challenges of recruitment, branding and publicity, we are in the process of vetting and hiring a marketing firm to help chapters and the Order with these issues. This will take time and I do not expect immediate results, but chapters need to be aware that we are attempting something new to address these systemic challenges.

We will re-evaluate the MOWW Constitution & Bylaws to see where it can be modernized to be more inclusive of our Companions, encouraging them to become involved in the evolution of the Order.

We will evaluate whether converting the Order from a 501(c)19 to a 501(c)3 non-profit makes sense. This change may facilitate national and local fundraising to help with current and future MOWW programs that benefit our communities and nation.

In order to facilitate these and other initiatives we will be implementing a streamlined organizational structure. Doing so will allow for a more unified command and a flatter organizational structure characterized by quicker response times to issues and initiatives important to the Order like the ones just mentioned.

Fundamentally, however, as an organization, we need to refocus on the basics of what it takes to be a viable, sustainable and successful chapter within the Order. Each chapter and each Companion within each chapter is ultimately responsible for their success. Recruitment and progress in

achieving the Order's six Strategic Goals are the responsibilities of all of us. No one can do this for you.

What are the basics, without which it is much harder to achieve success? Regular meetings, consistent and timely communication, mentoring Companions and planning for leadership succession. Broaden Companion involvement and make your meetings fun and entertaining, but always maintain a focus on achieving the MOWW's Strategic Goals. All of these things can only help with recruitment and, without which, you are more likely to fail.

In closing, with the committed teamwork of senior leadership, commanders, committees, and, most importantly, Companions, we can achieve anything we set our minds to achieving. By working together we can be a stronger, more agile Order. By working together, our camaraderie, our volunteerism and our "Can Do" spirit will turn our aspirations into reality.

I commit myself to doing everything I can to make our aspirations a reality.

Thank you. ★

MOWW STRATEGIC GOALS

- ▶ **Strategic Goal (SG) 1:
Recruit, Convene & Involve Companions**
- ▶ **Strategic Goal (SG) 2:
Provide Companion Leadership Training**
- ▶ **Strategic Goal (SG) 3:
Mentor & Develop Companions**
- ▶ **Strategic Goal (SG) 4:
Conduct Chapter Advertising & Publicity**
- ▶ **Strategic Goal (SG) 5:
Expand & Improve Chapter Outreach Programs**
- ▶ **Strategic Goal (SG) 6:
Recognize Chapter & Companion Excellence**



IPCINC BANQUET REMARKS

BGEN FREDERICK R. LOPEZ, USMCR (RET)
IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER-IN CHIEF, MOWW, INC.

Companions and guests, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Commander-In-Chief these past 12 months. In my adult life I have taken on many challenges – the opportunity and privilege to command a Marine infantry rifle and scout sniper platoon in Vietnam, the honor of commanding a Reserve infantry rifle company, infantry battalion, and the 18,000 Marines and sailors in 35 states as the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Division. I was part of a five-person engineering team that invented an electronic warfare self-protection jamming pod for USAF fighter and close air support aircraft and took it to war where its use was enormously successful in safely bringing home all aircrews.

However, right at the top of the list of challenges is this past year's duty as CINC. Why is that? It was my job to navigate the Order's ship through the sea of neutrality in the world of divisive political polarities, racial and social crises, and unrest, debilitating presidential politics, and the fallout from it—and all of this on top of a global pandemic that has affected every phase of our life.

It was my job to move the Order forward to ensure that we maintained our commitment and faithfulness to the Preamble of our Order's Constitution. It was my job to ensure policies and procedures were put in place or updated that reflected the will of the leadership of the Order and met a reasonableness criterion.

When America completely shut down because of COVID-19, it then became my job to preserve the Order for future generations. The challenge was one of continuing chapter operations while following the federal and local guidelines for personal interaction, and not shutting down completely until the pandemic was over. It required a heroic effort on the part of the region and chapter commanders to bridge the digital divide and find ways to communicate with the membership to preserve chapter functionality.

Add to this the challenge of an aging population of the Order and natural resistance to change or embracing technological advancements. Many chapters were able to do this; some were not. As America begins to open, it now falls to the incoming leadership to move out of the preservation mission and back to advancing the Order forward!

There are many people to thank for their help and support in the execution of my duties as CINC. First my thanks for the love, wise council, and support of my Commanding Officer – my wife of 53 years, Anne. For the love and support of my daughters, Dr. Jennifer Marsh and Ms. Jamie Lopez, and my 15-year-old scholar/athlete grandson Ryan Marsh.

My heartfelt thanks go to the 24 hour/7 days a week Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Art Morrill and the HQ MOWW staff who so competently attend to the day-to-day business of the Order. I was blessed to have LTC Michael Okin as the Senior VCINC and depended on him for his tireless help in working issues of the Order and for his expert medical opinion in dealing with pandemic issues. I could not have asked for a better and timelier second in command. My thanks to the VCINCs, National Executive Staff, region commanders and chapter commanders for their leadership and execution of duties in preserving the Order. Finally, my sincere thanks to all those Companions who worked so hard in carrying out the precepts of our Preamble on behalf of our veterans, youth, and America.

To the new CINC, I wish for you: the wisdom of Solomon; the luck and good fortune of a two-time lottery winner; the fiery passion of the Flamenco Dancer; and the loyalty of the Inca for their culture. I know the Order is in good hands.

May God bless this Order and may God bless America. ★



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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:

General Peter Pace, USMC (Ret)
(BG Bultman Chapter (At Large))



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 Michael A. Okin, MD, USA (Ret)
(Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA)

GENERAL OF THE ARMIES JOHN J. PERSHING CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 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:

- **1ST PLACE:** Dallas Chapter, TX
- **2ND PLACE:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **3RD PLACE:** Puget Sound Chapter, WA

Medium Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA
- **2ND PLACE:** Fort Knox Chapter, KY
- **3RD PLACE:** Atlanta Chapter, GA

Small Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **2ND PLACE:** LTC Shehab Chapter, NJ

GOLD MEDAL 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 BGen Lopez, CDR George T. (“Ted”) Parsons, USN (Ret)
San Diego Chapter (Region XIV)

LTC Cheryl D. Brady, USA (Ret)
Houston Chapter (Region VIII)

COL Arthur N. Tulak, Ed.D., USA (Ret)
Capt Dillworth Memorial Chapter (Region XIV)

Presenter: SVCINC LTC (DR) Okin
2LT Jason A. Sokolov, USA (Fmr)
Greater Boston Chapter (Region I)

Presenter: VCINC BG Pérez
CDR Rudolph Matzner, USN (Ret)
GEN Westmorland Chapter (Region V)

Presenter: VCINC Maj Williams
LTC Patrick L. Widner, USA (Ret)
LTG Middleton Chapter, (Region VII)

Presenter: VCINC CPT Mitchell
LTC Gregg C. Geisler, USA (Ret)
MG Miles Chapter (Region XIII)

Presenter: VCINC LT McConnell
Lt Col David J. Worley, USAF (Ret)
GA Bradley-COL Chapter (Region XIV)

Presenter: IPCINC LTC Chamberlin,
LT Charles D. Daniels, USNR (Fmr)
Dallas Chapter (Region VIII)





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's 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 RECOGNITION

Region IV

Capt Albert J. Mundo, USAF (Ret)
Greater Boston Chapter, MA

Region III

COL Robert L. Reese, USA (Ret)
Hill Country Chapter, TX

Region IV

LCDR Joel D. Kramar, USN (Ret)
Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA

Region VI

CWO4 David A. McCuiston, USN (Ret)
Northeast Florida Cadre, FL

Region VIII

HPM GayNeil Wells
Hill Country Chapter, TX

Region XIII

LTC Richard B. Moore, USA (Ret)
Greater El Paso Chapter, TX

Region XIV

LT Edwin C. Holt, USNR (Fmr)
Conejo Valley Chapter, CA

DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

Department of Massachusetts

Frederick J. Maguire, Jr., USA (Ret)
Greater Boston Chapter, MA (Region I)

Department of Arizona

HPM Deborah J. Kerr-Minor
Phoenix Chapter, AZ (Region XIII)

Department of Hawaii

Col Jason C. Seal, USMC (Ret)
Capt Dillworth Memorial Chapter (Region XIV)

Department of Southern California

LtCol Michael W. Murphy, USMC (Ret)
MajGen Pendleton Chapter, CA (Region XIV)

CHAPTER RECOGNITION (STANDARD CHAPTER)

Greater Boston Chapter, MA

CPT William J. Maloney, USA (Ret)
Region I

MG (Bvt) Chamberlain Chapter, ME

CW2 Dana E. Lane, MEARNG (Fmr)
Region I

Fort Knox Chapter, KY

CPT Stephen S. Spencer, USA (Fmr)
Region II

GEN Ridgway-Pittsburgh Chapter, PA

LTC Elaine H. Berkowitz, USA (Ret)
Region III

Gen Meade Chapter, MD

Maj James H. Shiffrin, USAF (Ret)
Region IV

Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA

COL Thomas W. Current, USA (Ret)
Region IV

Augusta Chapter, GA

HPM Eleanor S. Gochenaur
Region V

Brig Gen Scott Chapter, GA

COL Thomas R. Mann, USA (Ret)
Region V

Knoxville Chapter, TN

HRM M. Ann Bachman
Region V

Puerto Rico Chapter, PR

LTC Arthur J. Siemon, USA (Ret)
Region VI

Sun City Center Chapter, FL

CW3 Edgar L. Smart-Homer, USA (Ret)
Region VI

Fort Hood Chapter, TX

LTC George C. Shott, Jr., USA (Ret)
Region VIII

Catalina Mountains Chapter, AZ

Maj Mary E. Wallendorf, USAF (Fmr)
Region XIII

COL Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ

CW4 Douglas G. Gray, USA (Ret)
Region XIII

Colorado Springs Chapter, CO

Col James W. Taylor, USAF (Ret)
Region XIII

Greater El Paso Chapter, TX

LtCol Charles F. Hamilton, USMC (Ret)
Region XIII

MG Miles Chapter, NM

HPM Eleanor I. Pinyan
Region XIII

Phoenix Chapter, AZ

HPM Jeffrey Schrade
Region XIII

Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ

Lt Col Jay C. Hess, USAF (Ret)
Region XIII

COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

Maj Jose A. Ramirez, USMC (Ret)
Region XIV

GA Bradley-COL Hanson Chapter, CA

CPT Richard Henderson, USA (Fmr)
Region XIV

Capt Dillingham Memorial Chapter, HI

LTC Curtis A. Manchester III, USAR (Ret)
Region XIV

Puget Sound Chapter, WA

LTC (CH) R. William Johnson, USA (Ret)
Region XIV

San Diego Chapter, CA

COL Timothy J. Swann, USA (Ret)
Region XIV

CHAPTER 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.

- **1ST PLACE:** Presented to the chapter that recruits at least six (6) new members AND achieves a ten percent or greater (≥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: Denver Chapter, CO
- **2ND PLACE:** 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: COL Roosevelt Chapter, NY

- **3RD PLACE:** 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: GEN Ridgway Chapter, PA

CERTIFICATES OF RECRUITING MERIT

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

- **WINNER:** Presented to the chapter that recruits the most new members.
RECIPIENT: Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **WINNER:** Presented to the chapter with the greatest net chapter growth
RECIPIENT: COL Roosevelt Chapter, NY

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 (TIE):

Maj James H. Haney, USMC (Ret)
(Sun City Center Chapter, FL)
COL Lonnie D. Vona, USA (Ret)
(Sun City Center Chapter, FL)

INDIVIDUAL RECRUITING CITATIONS

Individual Recruiting Citations honor Companions who personally recruited at least 5 or more new members.

• CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING MERIT:

- LTC Paul F. Farinella, USA (Ret)
(COL Roosevelt Chapter, NY)
- Brig Gen Arthur B. Morrill III, USAF (Ret)
(BG Bultman Chapter (At Large))
- Lt Col Richard W. Muri, USAF (Ret)
(Puget Sound Chapter, WA)
- COL Robert L. Reese, USA (Ret)
(GEN Ridgway Chapter, PA)
- COL Stephen A. Shambach, USA (Ret)
(Colorado Springs Chapter, CO)
- Col Norman E. Wells, USAF (Ret)
(Hill Country Chapter, TX)

RECRUITING HONORABLE MENTIONS

The MOWW Membership Recruiting Citation are presented to Companions who personally recruited at least 3-4 new members of all membership categories.

• HONORABLE MENTION:

- LTC Susann M. Kirilin, USA (Ret)
(Philadelphia Chapter, PA)
- LTC Robert W. Mathews, USA
(COL Woods-Oklahoma City Chapter, OK)
- COL Richard E. Minor, USA (Ret)
(Phoenix Chapter, AZ)
- LTC Robert K. Takao, USA (Ret)
(Capt Dillingham Memorial Chapter, HI)
- Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret)
(Fort Worth Chapter, TX)
- CSM Jonathan M. Church, USAR (Ret)
(COL Woolsey Chapter, CA)

CW4 Arthur F. Dutkovic, USA (Ret)
(Chicago Chapter, IL)

MAJ Clement I. Goodwine, Jr., USA (Ret)
(Prince George's County Chapter, MD)

BGen Frederick R. Lopez, USMCR (Ret)
(COL Woolsey Chapter, CA)

LTC William K. Rapp, USA (Ret)
(LTC Shehab Chapter, NJ)

COL Lawrence A. Willwerth, USA (Ret)
(Greater Boston Chapter, MA)

LTC Carlton R. Witte, USA (Ret)
(Delaware Chapter, DE)

COL Kelly L. Zachgo, USA (Ret)
(COL Woods-Oklahoma City Chapter, OK)

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:

- **1ST PLACE:** MG Wheeler Chapter, AL
- **2ND PLACE:** Fort Hood Chapter, TX

Medium Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Colorado Springs Chapter, CO
- **2ND PLACE:** COL Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ
- **3RD PLACE:** Phoenix Chapter, AZ

Large Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Puget Sound Chapter, WA
- **2ND PLACE:** Augusta Chapter, GA
- **3RD PLACE:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL





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

- **1ST PLACE:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **2ND PLACE:** Col Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **3RD PLACE:** MG Critz Chapter, OK

Category 2: Chapters supporting 10-17 ROTC units:

- **1ST PLACE:** San Diego Chapter, CA
- **2ND PLACE:** MG (Bvt) Chamberlain Chapter, ME
- **3RD PLACE:** Col Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ

Category 3: Chapters supporting 18-23 ROTC units:

- **1ST PLACE:** Capt Dillingham Memorial Chapter, HI
- **2ND PLACE:** Clearwater Chapter, FL
- **3RD PLACE:** Denver Chapter, CO

Category 4: Chapters supporting 24-29 ROTC units:

- **1ST PLACE:** Chicago Chapter, IL
- **2ND PLACE:** Detroit Chapter, MI
- **3RD PLACE:** Fort Knox Chapter, KY

Category 5: Chapters supporting 30-83 ROTC units:

- **1ST PLACE:** Fort Worth Chapter, TX
- **2ND PLACE:** Dallas Chapter, TX
- **3RD PLACE:** Augusta Chapter, GA

Category 6: Chapters supporting 84+ ROTC units:

- **1ST PLACE:** Puget Sound Chapter, WA
- **2ND PLACE:** LTG Middleton Chapter, LA
- **3RD PLACE:** Houston 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:

- **1ST PLACE:** Denver Chapter, CO
- **2ND PLACE:** COL Roosevelt Chapter, NY
- **3RD PLACE:** MG (Bvt) Chamberlain Chapter, ME

Medium Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Atlanta Chapter, GA
- **2ND PLACE:** COL Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ
- **3RD PLACE:** Phoenix Chapter, AZ

Large Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Dallas Chapter, TX
- **2ND PLACE:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **3RD PLACE:** Puerto Rico Chapter, PR

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:

COL Hector L. Sanchez, USA (Ret)
(Puerto Rico Chapter, PR)

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:

- 1LT Brian R. Burch, USA (Fmr)
(Chicago Chapter, IL)
- CAPT Royce A. Engler, USN (Ret)
(Houston Chapter, TX)
- Capt Michael P. Golden, USMC (Fmr)
(COL Roosevelt Chapter, NY)
- CAPT Anthony L. LaCourse, USNR
(Greater Boston Chapter, MA)
- Patricia E. Collins
(Houston 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:

- **1ST PLACE:** MG (Bvt) Chamberlain Chapter, ME
- **2ND PLACE:** Santa Cruz Valley, AZ

Medium Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA
- **2ND PLACE:** COL Stephens – Apache Trail Chapter, AZ
- **3RD PLACE:** Fort Knox Chapter, KY

Large Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** San Diego Chapter, CA
- **2ND PLACE:** Puget Sound Chapter, WA
- **3RD PLACE:** Dallas 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:

- **1ST PLACE:** Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX
- **2ND PLACE:** Denver Chapter, CO

Medium Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Maj Gen Wade Chapter, DC
- **2ND PLACE:** Fort Knox Chapter, KY

Large Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **2ND PLACE:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **3RD PLACE:** Greater 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.

• **1ST PLACE:**

Sheriff Larry L. Leitha
(Kerr County Sheriff's Office, TX)
Sponsor: Hill Country Chapter, TX

• **2ND PLACE:**

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles
(El Paso County Sheriff's Office, TX)
Sponsor: Greater El Paso Chapter, TX

• **3RD PLACE:**

Fire Chief Kevin Taylor.
(Montecito Fire Department, CA)
Sponsor: Greater El Paso Chapter, TX

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.

• **1ST PLACE:**

Deputy Charles I. Williams III
(Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, FL)
Sponsor: Sun City Center Chapter, FL

• **2ND PLACE:**

Sergeant Jarrett Morris
(Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, CA)
Sponsor: COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

• **3RD PLACE:**

Fire Lieutenant Daniel Rozier
(City of Irving Fire 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

Medium Chapter:

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

Large Chapter:

- **WINNER:** Col Woolsey Chapter, CA
- **2ND PLACE:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **3RD PLACE:** Greater El Paso Chapter, TX

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:

- **1ST PLACE:** Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX
- **2ND PLACE:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **3RD PLACE:** LTC Shehab Chapter, NJ

Medium Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA
- **2ND PLACE:** MG Miles Chapter, NM

Large Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **2ND PLACE:** Greater El Paso Chapter, TX
- **3RD PLACE:** COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

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:

- **1ST PLACE:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, TX

Medium Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Fort Knox Chapter, KY
- **2ND PLACE:** Virginia Piedmont Chapter, VA
- **3RD PLACE:** MG Miles Chapter, NM





Large Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Puget Sound Chapter, WA
- **2ND PLACE:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL
- **3RD PLACE:** Puerto Rico Chapter, PR

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARDS

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

Small Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, AZ
- **2ND PLACE:** Pinson Memorial Chapter, TX
- **3RD PLACE:** Denver Chapter, CO

Medium Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Phoenix Chapter, AZ
- **2ND PLACE:** MG Miles Chapter, NM
- **3RD PLACE:** Fort Worth Chapter, TX

Large Chapter:

- **1ST PLACE:** Hill Country Chapter, TX
- **2ND PLACE:** Dallas Chapter, TX
- **3RD PLACE:** Sun City Center Chapter, FL



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 III

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 III



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)
"The Battle that Saved the Revolution,"
(OR, Jul–Aug 20)
San Diego Chapter, CA
- **2ND PRIZE AWARD (\$1,000):**
BG Raymond E. Bell, Jr., Ph.D., USA (Ret)
"Disease-Ending Campaigns,"
(OR, Jul–Aug 20)
BG Bultman Chapter (At Large)
- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**
COL James T. Roberts, Jr., USA (Ret)
"Curbing Chinese Adventurism,"
(OR, Nov–Dec 20)
BG Bultman Chapter (At Large)
- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**
LTC Jeffrey F. Addicott, USA (Ret)
"COVID-19 Pandemic: Policy and Legal Issues,"
(OR, Mar–Apr 20)
Hill Country Chapter TX
- **HONORABLE MENTION (\$500):**
LTC Joe E. Harris, Jr., USA (Ret)
"The Sentinel,"
(OR, Mar–Apr 20)
Catalina Mountain Chapter, AZ



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CHIEF OF STAFF RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The Order, the Hann-Buswell Chapter, and the Past Commanders in Chiefs held a special ceremony at this year's convention to honor retiring Chief of Staff Brigadier General Arthur B. Morrill III, USAF (Ret). For over a decade (2010–2021), General Morrill advised and guided the Order as Chief of Staff and as the editor of the Order's publication, *The Officer Review*®. He is the longest-serving Chief of Staff in the history of the Order.

In appreciation for his many years of service, Gen Morrill was presented a USAF Saber, engraved with his name. As Past CINC LTG Robert L. Wetzel, USA (Ret), thanked Gen Morrill for his many accomplishments, Mrs. Marian Morrill, HPM, and Past CINC CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), looked on as VCINC Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret), proffered the Air Force Saber.

The Order welcomes his successor, Col Michael Farrell, USMC (Ret), as the new Chief of Staff and Editor of *The Officer Review*®, beginning 1 September 2021.



HEAT EXHAUSTION & HEAT STROKE

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

Recently, as my part of the world “opened up” COVID-wise, I made a round trip to Albuquerque, NM, to visit the area and renew friendships. Hot temperatures were forecast. Remembering my Vietnam experience, I took a few precautions. However, what was adequate there “in-country” at age 25 just does not “hack it” in the Southwest United States at age 81. Age is just one of the warning factors I should have considered.

I did drink a couple of liters of water during the 250-mile leg of the trip from Denver, CO, to Raton, NM. While traversing that vast, open space, my on-board thermometer registered 99-113 degrees Fahrenheit. It took me consuming three more liters of water and a nap in an airconditioned Holiday Inn for me to recover. I had experienced classic heat exhaustion, the signs or symptoms of which may develop suddenly or overtime.

According to the Mayo Clinic, heat exhaustion is a condition whose symptoms may include heavy sweating and a rapid pulse, a result of your body overheating. It is one of three heat-related syndromes, with heat cramps being the mildest and heatstroke being the most severe. Causes of heat exhaustion include exposure to hot temperatures, particularly when combined with high humidity, and strenuous physical activity. Without prompt treatment, heat exhaustion can lead to heatstroke, a life-threatening condition. Fortunately, heat exhaustion is preventable.

If you think you are experiencing heat exhaustion, stop all activity and rest, move to a cooler place, drink cool water or sports drinks, and contact your doctor if your signs or symptoms worsen or if they do not improve within one hour. If you are with someone showing signs of heat exhaustion, seek immediate medical attention if they become confused or agitated, lose consciousness, or are unable to drink. You will need to begin immediate cooling as you seek urgent medical attention.

What is the difference between heat exhaustion and heatstroke? Heat exhaustion begins with general muscle weakness, sudden excessive sweating, nausea, vomiting, dizziness,

and fainting. A heat stroke happens when the body's internal (core) temperature exceeds 103 degrees Fahrenheit. You begin experiencing a loss or change of consciousness, behavioral changes, and hot, red, and dry skin. Take these signs seriously. Call your medical professionals immediately upon onset. Heat exhaustion symptoms may lead to heat stroke, though not always.

Beginning signs of heat stroke include a sudden, severe headache, sudden dizziness, confusion or agitation, and loss of consciousness or disorientation. Also, rapid breathing, nausea, vomiting, and feeling your heart rate increase rapidly without any strenuous activity are symptoms of heat stroke.

If you are hot and sweating yet experiencing chills and feeling cold, seek emergency care and take immediate steps to quickly reduce your temperature.

To treat heat stroke, get to a shaded area and apply cool compresses to the head, chest, neck, and/or back. Then, spray or apply cool water directly to the skin. Remove excess clothing. Be careful not to cool off too quickly. Digesting ice-cold water can constrict capillaries, cause stomach cramps, and decrease the fluid absorption rate.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the people most at-risk for heat stroke are infants, young children, seniors ≥ 65 years and those who are overweight and those who overexert during work or exercise. Also at risk are people who are physically ill (e.g., heart disease or high blood pressure) or those taking certain medications, e.g., beta blockers, diuretics, antihistamines, tranquilizers, antipsychotics, or some illegal drugs, e.g., cocaine and amphetamines.

If you are outside, dress in loose clothing of lighter fabrics and drink a lot of fluids. If you feel heat exhaustion coming on fast, a sports drink with electrolytes can replenish what you lose by sweating. Drink a lot of water every day and avoid excessive amounts of alcohol—especially when outside in the heat. In short, plan to protect yourself.

Be well. ★



A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

LCDR DEBRA F. ROGERS, ED.D., USN (RET)
CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW

Over the past year, we have all experienced the effects of COVID-19 on various levels and to different extents—from mere inconvenience to loss of family and friends.

However, all individuals, communities, and nations share the common experience of being in quarantine and isolation with a lack of human connection, which has proved to be a most difficult challenge, although technological platforms like Zoom can help. Why? Because God designed us to experience dynamic and personal relationships with each other.

Fast forward to today. Currently, 67 percent of adults have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and our nation is beginning to move again. However, our humanity and general desire to show neighborly kindness often seem diminished. It is not only important to get back to normal; it is critical that we become better versions of ourselves.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11 speaks to us about there being a time for everything and a season for every activity, saying there is:

A time to time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot..., a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing..., a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

The time and season of COVID-19, isolation, despair, anger, and lackluster connections must become

our past. Now, our season is one of renewing, rebuilding, and creating a better normal.

Renewing the mind and heart entails pursuing wisdom. From a philosophical perspective, Socrates was correct in concluding that proper conduct comes from the right knowledge. Of course, having desired knowledge does not guarantee appropriate behavior, but when our insights and understanding result in wisdom, fitting behavior results. The Book of Proverbs provides practical nuggets on gaining understanding and rebuilding.

For present purposes, rebuilding pertains to rebuilding relationships. In practical terms, improving communication is essential to strengthening and rebuilding relationships with friends, family, neighbors, and our community. Healthy communications create mindfulness while reducing pettiness, anger, and confrontation.

We all must be keenly aware of our words. The most destructive force on the planet lies within each of us—the tongue. Spiritual death and life lie in the power of words. We can change the world by our word choices. Let us choose words that embrace kindness and humility and reflect our strength of character. Let us use words that help us walk the high road when others choose otherwise and return the “human” to “humanity.”

Our season is now. ★





Col Elmer Chapter, AR

PCINC Col James D. Elmer Honored

BY MG RONALD S. CHASTAIN, ARARNG

The Central Arkansas MOWW chapter was renamed the Col James D. Elmer Chapter in honor of PCINC Col James D. Elmer, USAF (Ret), for his unwavering dedication to MOWW.

At the 2 June 2021 meeting, then CINC BGen Frederick R. Lopez, USMCR (Ret), presented the chapter's new charter to PCINC Col Elmer's widow, HPM Ruth B. Elmer. CINC Lopez referred to Col Elmer as the quintessential officer and gentleman who always provided thoughtful advice at national conventions. Then-VCINC Maj Robert J. Williams, USAF (Ret), was also in attendance.

PCINC Col James D. Elmer, USAF (Ret), was a Vietnam veteran with a 30-year Air Force career, accruing 9,000 flying hours. He commanded the Little Rock Air Force Base and the Aerospace Audiovisual Service.

During his Air Force career, he was awarded "The Order of the Sword," a unique program in which the non-commissioned officers of a major command recognize individuals they hold in the highest esteem.

Col Bill Kehler, USAF (Ret), knew Jim Elmer as a 40-year friend and as a role model that did things that were the right things to do.

Col Elmer, a Past MOWW CINC, was dedicated to his local chapter. He helped organize it, and recruited 90 percent of its members.

PCINC Col James D. Elmer, USAF (Ret), lived the tenets of MOWW, promoting and encouraging good citizenship, patriotic education, and public service. He belonged to twenty military, veteran, and service organizations. Jim was inducted into the Arkansas Military Veterans' Hall of Fame in 2018.

A true patriot, Col Elmer was the Joe Foss Institute Coordinator in Arkansas. He also served as the Flag Education Coordinator in Central Arkansas, presenting classes to over 9,000 students and recruiting other presenters.

(L-R): Then CINC BGen Frederick R. Lopez, USMCR (Ret), and Companion HPM Ruth B. Elmer holding the Chapter's new charter.





Sun City Center Chapter, FL

Chapter Selects 2021 “JROTC Cadet of the Year” for Hillsborough County, FL

BY CAPT B. FRANK KEPLEY, USN (RET)

On 25 March 2021, Newsome HS JROTC Cadet Major Andrew Fischer was presented with a MOWW Certificate, a \$100 check, and a MOWW Challenge Coin to recognize his selection as the Hillsborough County 2021 “JROTC Cadet of Year.” The Hillsborough County Public Schools conducted the ceremony at Franklin Middle School Boys Preparatory Academy. Cadet Fischer was selected from a field of top ten cadets chosen from the twenty-eight county JROTC program.

(L-R): MOWW Companion and Newsome HS JROTC Senior Army Instructor LTC Eric J. Deal, USA (Ret); Cadet Major Andrew Fischer, and MOWW Chapter ROTC/JROTC Outreach Program Coordinator COL L. Dale Vona, USA (Ret).





MG (Bvt) Chamberlain Chapter, ME

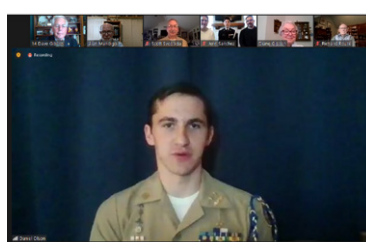
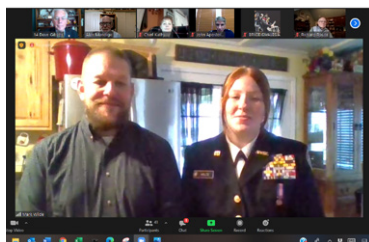
COL Robert E. Barton, USA (Ret), Awarded GPH

BY CPT ALAN D. JOHNSTON, USA (FMR)

Chapter Commander Alan Johnston presenting the Golden Patrick Henry Award to COL Robert E. Barton, USA (Ret), on 30 January 2021. The presentation was presided over by then-SVCINC LTC (DR) Michael A. Okin, USA (Ret), via virtual media. Also present were Mrs. Beverly Barton and Cheryl Johnston.

The GPH was awarded to COL Barton for his dedicated service of over 40 years in MOWW. He joined the Order in 1978, and has served as Chapter Commander, Region I Commander, Membership Chair and ROTC/JROTC Chair. COL Barton turned 91-years-old in 2021.

(L-R): CPT Alan D. Johnston, USA (Fmr), congratulates Gold Patrick Henry Award recipient, COL Robert E. Barton, USA (Ret).



Puget Sound Chapter, WA

JROTC Outstanding Student Recognition

PCINC COL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RET)

The Puget Sound Chapter awarded 13 Bronze Patrick Henry Medals to outstanding students doing extraordinary work in their communities. Awards were provided before the 14 March chapter meeting so that the award could be pinned on or displayed during the virtual chapter meeting. Companions always enjoy seeing future leaders recognized.



Memphis Chapter, TN

Welcome Lt Col Robert Kuhlo

BY LTC FRED PERSECHINI, USA (RET)

Memphis Chapter Commander Col Michael S. Bronstein, MD, USAF (Ret), inducted a new Perpetual Member, Lt Col Robert C. Kuhlo, USAF (Ret), into the Memphis Chapter during its monthly meeting on 13 May 2021.

(L-R): Col Michael S. Bronstein, MD, USAF (Ret), welcomes new PM, Lt Col Robert C. Kuhlo, USAF (Ret).



Fort Knox Chapter, KY

Fort Knox Chapter Donates to Patton Museum Foundation

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The Fort Knox Chapter presented a \$500 check to the Patton Museum Foundation at its March membership meeting. Chapter Commander BG David Estes, USA (Ret), presented the check to the Patton Museum Foundation to be used for the renovation of the existing museum and the expansion of new exhibits. Mr. Michael Martin, the Foundation's director of fundraising, received the check and expressed the Foundation's gratitude for the donation.

The museum supports the chapter in co-hosting Youth Leadership Conferences where leadership instruction is conducted in the Abrams Auditorium followed by the students reinforcing their teachings by going into the museum to find examples of the tenets taught in the instruction.

(L-R): Mr. Michael Martin received the donation from the Fort Knox Chapter Commander, BG David Estes, USA (Ret).





VHA Observes 75 Years, 1 Billion Hours Of Volunteerism



The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Veterans Health Administration (VHA) celebrated its 75-year

milestone anniversary during National Volunteer Week, April 18–24, 2021.

In 1946, VA established the Department of Medicine and Surgery (DM&S), the organization that would later become the Veterans Health Administration and provide health care to veterans as a core mission.

VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) was one of the foundational programs created in the newly established DM&S which is marking 1 billion hours volunteers have given of their time in service to veterans at VA facilities.

“Volunteers are a priceless asset and our Veterans greatly appreciate what they do and have done for three quarters of a century,” said Center for Development and Civic Engagement Director Sabrina Clark. “VA volunteerism is a tradition that has created opportunities for volunteers to serve veterans, even during a global pandemic.”

At the beginning of VHA’s COVID-19 response, VAVS adapted its program to meet the needs of veterans. Although in-person volunteer engagements were limited, VAVS designed new virtual assignments and galvanized volunteers and organizations to donate items, such as handmade masks, personal protective equipment, smart tablets for veterans to stay in touch with loved ones, and even meals for frontline workers.

Where many believed volunteer operations to be suspended, VAVS continued its mission to involve the American public in civic engagement activities on behalf of the nation’s veterans. They saw approximately 46,000 volunteers on the rolls during 2020, contributing more than 4.4 million hours of service, and \$108 million in gifts and donations; resulting in a value-added resource of approximately \$227 million to VA, veterans, families and caregivers. For more information and to see VA’s Event Calendar: <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/events.asp>

New Brain Proteins Suspected of Causing Depression—Can They Play a Pivotal Role in Treating the Illness?

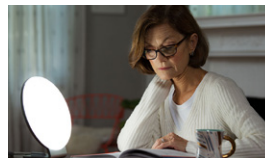


Using an innovative protein-based approach, researchers at the Atlanta VA Medical Center and nearby Emory University have found genes and corresponding proteins that could point the way to new depression treatments.

Using a proteome-wide association study (PWAS) that integrated genome-wide association study (GWAS) data with human brain proteomic and genetic data, researchers have identified 19 genes that may lead to depression by altering brain protein levels. They also pinpointed 25 such proteins that offer promise as potential targets for new depression treatments.

The researchers detail their approach and findings in April 2021 in the journal *Nature Neuroscience*. See the VA article here: <https://www.research.va.gov/currents/0421-New-Brain-Proteins-Suspected-of-Causing-Depression.cfm>

‘Light Therapy’ Could Help Brain-Injured Veterans Struggling with PTSD



‘Light Therapy’ Could Help Brain-Injured Veterans Struggling With PTSD popular treatment for the seasonal depression

that strikes during dark winter months may also benefit veterans with traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder, a small pilot study suggests. Read more here: https://www.research.va.gov/media_reports.cfm

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