

# The Military Order of the World Wars



COLORADO SPRINGS, CO CHAPTER #151

1 March 2022

## 1. Commander's Corner:

Greetings, Companions!

Just coming out of the “short” February month and lots of cold weather! Looks like warmer weather this week. The Olympics provided lots of interesting moments for the past couple of weeks and of course the Paralympics is ongoing. Needless to say, the most consuming current event is Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. We are very concerned about this situation and praying for peaceful resolution and that somehow the Ukraine will be able to withstand the invasion. Our son has been activated to deploy to Eastern Europe as an Army logistician this month for 9 months, so this is personal for us. More than even the tenets of the Military Order of the World Wars are prominent as we do our part to support our national defense.

Significant activities in February:

- Regrettably, we had to postpone our February 26<sup>th</sup> MOWW Luncheon and speaker Randy Helms. Due to an unfortunate set of circumstances that occurred the week of the presentation, we simply did not have enough attendance to merit holding the meeting. We want to make sure we have good attendance for recognizing Chief Niski and Sally Doyle, our hostess at Patty Jewett. Chief Niski will be able to attend our March Luncheon, so please plan to attend so we have a good showing. We will reschedule Randy Helms in the fall.
- We have begun planning for our 2022 Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference to be held at UCCS on 20-24 June. High school counselors have been visited to start publicizing the conference and applications will begin in March. If you know of any rising high school seniors (this year’s juniors), have them contact their High School POC (guidance counselor or JROTC instructor) to apply. Information is available at the website: [www.rmylf.org](http://www.rmylf.org) In addition, we are always looking for volunteers to help with the Conference.

Significant Upcoming Events

- Chapter Elections. We are putting together a list of nominations for those who would like to run for Chapter Offices. Descriptions at Attachment 2. Here is the status:
  - By bylaws, this is last year for Commander and several others are on extension. Discuss 2022-2023 staff. Chapter Commander will be on the RMYLF Board of Directors. Job descriptions attached.

- The elected positions are: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, and Treasurer/Assistant Adjutant.
  - i. The appointed positions are: Historian, Marshall, Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Public Relations. This does not require election. Let me know if you would like to fill one of these positions for a year.
    - For our March meeting, we will discuss who we have for various positions to decide the slate for April vote.
    - Let Steve Shambach know if you want to nominate yourself or someone else!
- Volunteers to assist with Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference, 20-24 June 2022 at UCCS.

## 2. Administrative

Member Birthdays: Best wishes for the following companions:

**March:** James Mundt, 19<sup>th</sup>; George Reed, 24<sup>th</sup>; Kobe Neal, 29<sup>th</sup>

**April:** Richard Macleod, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Donald Holt, 10<sup>th</sup>; Bill Linn, 12<sup>th</sup>; Kristy Katien-Taylor, 15<sup>th</sup>; Leroy Pedone, 21<sup>st</sup>; Bill Chaddick, 23<sup>rd</sup>; David Ritterling, 30<sup>th</sup>

## 3. Staff Reports

- a. Monthly Staff Report. We held a Staff Meeting on 24 February. The following are items of interest:
- b. Treasurer's Report. Mike Berendt. (December)

CDs:	\$12,157.36	Expenses
Checking:	\$101.11	BSA.GSA/JROTC certs & Medals
Savings:	\$6,524.70	Postage to fil3 501c19 paperwork
Total:	\$18,783.17	

- i. 130 folders ordered for RMYLC; will come out of Patriotic Education
  - ii. How much do we want to donate to RMYLF for RMYLC this year? Traditionally \$2K. Don't want to zero out the account in one year. Will wait until we get the stipend from National and will discuss at the next meeting.
  - iii. Rich proposed we allocate money for recruiting, such as paying for some to join, such as JROTC Instructors etc. Another option suggested was to invite prospective new members to a monthly MOWW meeting and use the money to comp their meals Rich moved and Mike Berendt seconded that we create a Recruitment and Retention reserved fund of \$500. Motion was approved. Mike will create the accounting category. At the next meeting we will establish rules for using the funds to support our recruiting efforts.
- c. Adjutant Membership Report-Ulysses Swift

Current number of members	76	Change since last month
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Residing in Colorado	66	
Members over age 75	26	
Members under age 75	50	

- i. Deceased member Col Robert Browning (USAF, Ret), USAFA Class of 1959. Mike attended burial service at USAFA and presented a condolence card on behalf of our Chapter.
- ii. Need new members! We are into 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY22 without new members.
- iii. Rich suggested we invite former speakers to come to subsequent meetings.

#### 4. Committee Reports

- a. JROTC/JROTC- Ulysses Swift and Mike Berendt will work together to manage the awards program this year. Steve Shambach to check with National HQs if they would want someone from the Chapter to present the MOWW Raoul Lufbery Award to graduating senior at USAFA. March program is going to be JROTC oriented, so Ulysses was asked to invite all JROTC/ROTC Department Heads to the next meeting.
- b. Patriotic Education-Steve. YLC article for Officer Review submitted and will await publication.
- c. Boy and Girl Scouts -Kerm and Steve attended Eagle COH ceremony on 15<sup>th</sup> and presented 11 MOWW Awards. Kerm is planning to attend the annual Scout Leader Awards Banquet usually in the third week of April. Kerm to contact Coy Ritchie to get information on the annual statewide Girls Scouts award ceremony.
- d. First Responders - Dr. George Reed. Fire Fighter Honor Banquet has been postponed from February 4th to April; rescheduled for 10 June 22 at 1830 at the Boot Barn. Two MOWW members would attend with remainder to Fire Fighters (or their family). Certificate of Achievement plaque for CSPD Chief Vince Niski and Certificate of Appreciation Award plaque for Sally Doyle and Patty Jewett staff are engraved and in hand for presentation at the March meeting.
- e. Homeland Security/National Defense- NSTR. Steve will ask Rudy Veit to consider heading up this program with Jon Wisham.
- f. Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) and RMYLC- Steve. RMYLF Board Meeting was February 4th. We have begun planning for next RMYLC. Steve will provide position descriptions for MOWW members to volunteer to support for this years' conference. Conference is 20-24 June 2022 at UCCS. Need to place in newsletter for membership to identify prospective students and have them work with their respective high school counselors. Rich: Should we have a theme? For example, encourage civic involvement such as voting, etc. Steve will tell Nathan.

#### 5. Old Business

- a. Region XIII Meeting was held on Friday, January 21- Saturday, 22 January in Chandler, AZ. Steve attended in person and Mike attended via Zoom. Notes distributed to staff. Pat Stolze is planning to attend our April meeting.
- b. Steve Programs:
  - i. Next Chapter Meeting: March 19, JROTC. Speaker will be Councilman Randy Helms, re-scheduled from our postponed February meeting.

- ii. April 16 speaker, Army Veteran Keith McKim to talk about Special Operations heroes from the Viet Nam War. Steve coordinated with Sally Doyle. Saturday, 16 April. Awaiting bio.
  - iii. May 14, Veteran's Court Judge David Shakes. George Reed has invited. May also schedule Randy Helms to speak if Judge Shakes is not available.
  - iv. June-No meeting; RMYLC 20-24 June
  - v. July-Installation of Officers and speaker TBD.
  - vi. September Ulysses and Steve discussed scheduling Lt Col Woodfork and his RMYLC AFJROTC students who attended the conference to speak at the September general membership meeting.
  - d. Soliciting from membership volunteers for the following vacant Positions:
    - i. Historian. Steve would like this position filled
    - ii. Marshall
    - iii. Chaplain-Steve asked Dean Rizzo
    - iv. Judge Advocate
    - v. Public Relations- Steve would like this position filled
  - e. Marketing and Outreach. National MOWW has awarded a contract for a marketing firm to do this at the National level. Expect report in June and actions to be announced at National Convention in August.
  - f. Next National Convention in Pensacola, 4-8 August. Info at Attachment 3.
6. New Business
- a. Kerm write up article from Scout Court of Honor event for Officer Review.
  - b. Joani Sgaggio, our webmaster, is building a gallery for photos. All Program chairs should submit digital photos taken at awards ceremonies, meetings, and other events to [jsgaggio@aol.com](mailto:jsgaggio@aol.com) for posting to the site.

7. Next Staff Meeting: Thursday, 1700 at Hill House.

### **8. Next Chapter Meeting: Saturday, 19 March 2022**

**When:** Social time at 1100 (cash bar); Call to Order at 1130; Lunch at 1145; Adjourn at 1330

**Where:** Patty Jewett Golf Course, 900 East Espanola, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

**Speaker:** Col (USAF, Ret) Randy Helms, currently a Councilman on the Colorado Springs City Council. Bio: A 1979 USAF Academy graduate, Councilman Randy Helms, Colonel USAF (Retired) was elected to the Colorado Springs City Council last April 2021 and is serving a four-year term. He represents District 2. He was currently elected by his fellow Council Members to serve as the City Council President Pro-Tem. Randy started his Air Force career as a T-39 instructor pilot and then transitioned to the C-141 where he was an instructor and evaluator airdrop pilot. He has held staff positions at USAF Academy, Pentagon Air Staff, the Joint Staff, Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD), USTRANSCOM, and National Defense University. Randy commanded the 76th Airlift Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, Germany and the 436th Operations Group at Dover AFB, DE. During his Air Force career Randy served as an Air Officer Commanding, Foreign exchange officer, USTRANSCOM Legislative Liaison and Chief, Commanders Action Group, and Deputy Director NDU CAPSTONE. Randy's active-duty career culminated when he served as Chief of Staff, National Defense University. Upon his retirement in 2008, Randy worked on the civilian side of the USAF Air Staff, National Defense University and USAFA Foundation. Currently, Randy is a K-12 substitute teacher in Colorado Springs Academy School District 20 and the President of the USAFA Association of Graduates (AOG)

Class Advisory Senate (CAS). As CAS President, he serves on the AOG Board of Directors. He is a volunteer with the Academy Ladies and Gentlemen Group and support the Academy 10th Medical Group to administer the COVID-19 vaccination. Randy and Donna were married in the Academy Cadet Chapel have been married more than 42 years. They have three adult children and five grandchildren.

**Reservations Required: Please RSVP no later than 16 March 2022 to LTC Mike Berendt, [berendt478@aol.com](mailto:berendt478@aol.com); (410)908 6777**

**Lunch Menu:** TBD

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person, cash or check only please

**Attire:** Casual for men; comparable for women. Wear your MOWW nametag and paraphernalia!

**Questions? CONTACT:** Stephen Shambach 719-447-5505 [shambachsm@msn.com](mailto:shambachsm@msn.com)

**For the Good of the Order.**

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**“It is nobler to serve than to be served”**

Attachments:

1. Contribution/Pledge Form
2. Positions Descriptions for MOWW Board
3. National Convention Early Planning information



CONTRIBUTION OR PLEDGE

Yes, I am making a tax-deductible contribution or pledge to the Colorado Springs Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars.

I wish to contribute or pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Patriotic Education Fund.

I wish to contribute or pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the ROTC Fund.

I wish to contribute or pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Boy and Girl Scout Fund.

I wish to contribute or pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Law & Order Fund.

I wish to contribute or pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Operations Fund (postage, bulletin, directory, recognition programs – plaques, medals, etc.)

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Name

Please make checks payable to Colorado Springs Chapter, MOWW

Send to: LTC Mike Berendt  
1230 Bowstring Road  
Monument, CO 80132

**Attachment 2: Proposed revised Position Descriptions for MOWW Chapter Bylaws**

**Section 2. The Commander shall:**

- a. Preside at Chapter meetings and meetings of the Chapter Staff, enforcing strict observance of the National Constitution and Bylaws and these Bylaws, and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary procedures may require, or which may be prescribed by the Chapter Staff.
- b. Be an ex officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee, and, with the approval of the Chapter Staff, shall appoint the Chairmen of all standing committees.
- c. Conduct regularly scheduled Staff Meetings. Provide the agenda.
- d. Participate in all Department and Region meetings
- e. Attend the annual National Convention or send a representative
- f. Develop with the staff and coordinate execution of an annual Chapter Action Plan
- g. Coordinate and submit Chapter Activity Reports twice annually
- h. Conduct Membership Meetings at least eight times a year
- i. Oversee an active Awards program for Companions and those external to the Organization
- j. Provide input to a monthly Chapter Bulletin
- k. Represent the Chapter at external events and with external organizations

**Section 3. The Senior Vice Commander shall:**

- a. Perform the duties of the Commander in his absence or disability.
- b. Serve as Chairman of the Chapter Activities Committee.
- c. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and Staff.
- d. Succeed to the office of Commander, when it is vacated due to death, resignation or removal from office.
- e. Maintain Chapter Properties
- f. Coordinate and oversee execution of Chapter Activities, especially membership meetings
- g. Ensure execution of the Chapter Action Plan and record accomplishments
- h. Ensure annual programs are submitted to compete at the National level as appropriate
- i. Coordinate IT support for meetings and activities
- j. Maintain and update Chapter Website

**Section 4. The Junior Vice Commander shall:**

- a. Serve as Chairman of the Program Committee.
- b. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and Staff.
- c. Succeed to the office of Senior Vice Commander. when it is vacated due to death, resignation, removal from office, or accession to the office of Commander.
- d. Perform the duties for vacant committee lead positions, such as Historian, Marshall and Publicity (see Sections 7.8 and 11)
- e. Coordinate publicity for Chapter Activities, to include articles to be published in the Officer Review, local news and media outlets

**Section 5. The Adjutant,** as the Executive Officer of the Commander and secretary of the Chapter Staff, shall:

- a. Be responsible for all Chapter correspondence, records and property, including membership application and registration.

- b. Maintain a corrected Chapter Roster and publish same annually, as soon after the beginning of the fiscal year as possible.
- c. Arrange seating at each meeting, as necessary.
- d. Prepare and mail the Chapter Bulletin, monthly.
- e. In conjunction with the Treasurer, purchase and/or acquire operating administrative supplies and such other material, as needed.
- f. Maintain the Chapter Archives, in concert with the Historian.
- g. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and Staff.

**Section 6. The Treasurer/Assistant Adjutant shall:**

- a. Collect and receive all dues and funds payable to the Chapter.
- b. Disburse funds, as authorized.
- c. Establish and maintain, in a financial institution, a checking account to hold the general operating funds of the Chapter, and an interest-earning account to hold contributions to the Chapter Patriotic Education Fund and the Rare Scholarship Fund.
- d. Maintain detailed records of Chapter funds and report monthly to the Chapter and the Staff the activities affecting these funds.
- e. Compile and submit necessary tax reports.
- f. Initiate an inspection/audit of Chapter funds at the close of each fiscal year and/or at the time his duties are transferred from the incumbent Treasurer to his successor and report the results of sch inspection/audit to the Chapter Commander.
- g. Ensure that dues payable to the department of the Rocky Mountains and Region XIII, from the Chapter, are paid in accordance with the Bylaws of those organizations and by the date specified.
- h. Assist the Adjutant in the performance of his duties, as necessary, and act as Adjutant in his absence.
- i. Serve as Chairman of the Chapter Budget Committee.
- j. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and Staff.
- k. Maintain supply of certificates, awards, medals and other supplies for the Chapter
- l. Receive RSVPs for membership meetings and ensure payment at each meeting

**Section 7. The Historian shall:**

- a. Maintain a complete record of the events of the year which concern the Chapter.
- b. Ensure that each new member completes and returns to him the MOWW Who's Who Form, with appropriate service and other biographical data entered thereon, and forward the original copy to the MOWW Historian General, while furnishing a copy to the Adjutant for the Chapter Archives.
- c. Transmit annually to the Historian General a copy of the history of the Chapter for that year, to include information on Chapter and Staff meetings, Chapter Rosters, Chapter Bulletins, news items concerning the Chapter or its members along with photographs, when available.
- d. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and Staff.

**Section 8. The Marshal shall:**

- a. Be responsible for the care and custody of the Chapter ceremonial properties, including the National Colors and the flag of our Order, to include table flags, meetings.
- b. Ensure that the above items are appropriately placed at all



- c. Check the public address system to ensure that it is in working order when one is utilized.
- d. Arrange the colors for display in parades and upon other ceremonial occasions.
- e. Preserve order and decorum at Chapter meetings and present new members and officers for induction.
- f. Serve as Chairman of the Ceremonies and Color Guard Committee.
- g. Attend all Chapter meetings or ensure that he is represented by a substitute.
- h. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and Staff.

**Section 9. The Chaplain shall:**

- a. Watch over the spiritual welfare of the members of the Chapter and help maintain the high standards of moral tone essential to the Chapter.
- b. Open and close all Chapter meetings with prayer.
- c. Make timely arrangements, together with the Adjutant, for Chapter representation at funerals or memorials of members.
- d. Perform other duties, including those related to Massing of the Colors ceremonies, as assigned by the Commander and Staff.

**Section 10. The Judge Advocate shall:**

- a. Represent the Chapter in legal matters.
- b. Provide legal advice to the Chapter and its activities when requested by the Commander or Chapter Staff.
- c. Advise the Presiding Officer when matters in connection with Robert's Rules of Order arise.
- d. Draft, or advise on the drafting of Resolutions relating to the policies and public position of the Chapter.
- e. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and Staff.

**Section 11. The Public Relations Officer shall:**

- a. Act as Chairman of the Public Information/Relations Committee.
- b. Endeavor to attend all Chapter Staff meetings so as to be informed, well in advance, of prospective activities of the Chapter and thereby able to formulate his program and publicity adequately in advance.
- c. Handle relations with local news media and prepare items for print or broadcast by these media.
- d. Assist the Historian in compiling data for the annual Chapter history, competition.
- e. Compile data necessary for submission in the Denver Cup
- f. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and Staff.

**Section 12. The Surgeon shall members of the Chapter.**

- a. Keep track of the physical welfare of the Chapter Companions.
- b. Make appropriate reports at Chapter meetings.
- c. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and Staff.

### **Attachment 3**

#### **Early Planning Guidance for MOWW Convention, 2022**

At this time:

- Each individual guest must make their own reservations (\$109 per nite) by calling the Southbank

Marriott Hotel at (904) 396- 5100.

-Each individual must ask for group reservations and identify themselves as members of the Military Order of the World Wars. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

-If an individual with a guaranteed reservation does not check in or cancel the reservation less than 48

hours prior to arrival, the individual's one night deposit will be forfeited or the credit card on record

will be charged for one night.

-For travel planning:

- Golf event - 2 August 2022

- WELCOME BUFFET - 3 August 2022

- Agenda details for 3-6 August 2022 to follow

- CINC Reception & Banquet - 6 August 2022

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