

The Military Order of the World Wars



COLORADO SPRINGS, CO CHAPTER #151

1 April 2022

1. Commander's Corner:

Greetings, Companions! We are nearing the end of March Madness, for you NCAA basketball fans. I hope your picks are doing better than mine! Those with school aged children (or grandchildren) know that we have just completed Spring Break. I hope that time off provided an opportunity for family time as well as some travel. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we remain concerned about the situation in the Ukraine and are praying for a peaceful resolution to end the destruction and suffering by all involved.

You should have received the March-April issue of Officer Review in the mail. This issue is devoted to Youth Leadership in Action. Each Youth Leadership Conference was covered, including our local Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) on page 19. Check it out! We are planning for this year's RMYLC at UCCS on 20-24 June. I am looking for anyone who is interested in helping with this year's conference.

Finally, it is time to elect officers for our local MOWW Chapter. The current staff has served you well this past year, and some have served beyond the standard 2-year term. Included with this bulletin are the job descriptions for each position and a nomination form to nominate yourself or someone else in the Order (see Atchs 2 and 3). Return nomination form to Ulysses Swift, swift888@comcast.net. We are always looking for new faces and fresh ideas for our order. You can make an impact! Remember, "It is better to serve than to be served."

Significant activities in March:

- This month's highlight was the March 19th Membership meeting: Col (USAF, Ret) and Colorado Springs District 2 Councilman Randy Helms presented a briefing on the City of Colorado Springs government. He provided insights regarding the organization and processes of the City Council as well as issues and activities the Council is addressing or city business the Council is considering. There were a number of questions from the audience for which he provided excellent answers. We were particularly pleased to have recently retired Colorado Springs Police Department Chief Niski in attendance. Chief Niski was presented the MOWW Merit Award for Outstanding Service for over 30 years of service to the City of Colorado Springs. In addition, we presented an MOWW Award of Appreciation to Sally Doyle and the Patty Jewett Golf Course Events staff for their outstanding support of our MOWW events over many years.



Award Presentation to Sally Doyle and Chris, by Rich Peters with Randy Helms



Award Presentation to Chief Niski by George Reed and Randy Helms



MOWW Luncheon table with members and guests Keith McKim, Lee & Marilee Van Arsdale, Linda Rowe Mike Boatner and Tony Trifiletti (Standing)



Councilman Randy Helms

- The Colorado Springs MOWW Chapter website continues to improve due to the hard work by Joani Sgaggio (spouse of LTC (ret) Mike Berendt)! The Chapter Website located at: www.COS-MOWW.org.

2. Administrative

Member Birthdays: Best wishes for the following companions:

March: Col James Mundt, 19th; Mr Kobe Neal, 29th; Col George Reed, 24th.

April: Col Richard Macleod, 2nd; LTC Donald Holt, 10th; Lt Kristy Katein-Taylor, 15th; LTC William Linn II, 12th; Maj Leroy Pedone, 21st; LTC William Chadick, 23rd; Maj David Ritterling, 30th.

3. Staff Reports

- a. Monthly Staff Report. Staff Meeting held on 17 March. The following are items of interest:

b. Treasurer's Report. Mike Berendt. (March)

CDs: \$11,278.30
Checking: \$5045.53
Savings: \$101.11
Total: \$17,352.62

Expenses: Patty Jewett Luncheon; plaques & engraving
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c. We created a Recruitment and Retention fund of \$500 to assist recruiting and retaining members for our Chapter.

d. Adjutant Membership Report-Ulysses Swift

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

4. Committee Reports

a. ROTC/JROTC- **We need someone to take over this program. Contact Mike Berendt if you are interested in helping.** - Mike Berendt and Ulysses Swift are preparing Award of Merit Certificates and Medals for outstanding performers from 20 ROTC/JROTC programs. These students have been recommended by their Military Department Heads and will receive their MOWW awards during school award ceremonies. If you are interested in serving as a MOWW representative to present an award at one of our local high schools during the month of April or May, please contact Mike Berendt at 410-908-6777.

b. Patriotic Education-Current issue of Officer Review includes an article about our RMYLC. Planning continues for this year's conference. Contact Steve Shambach if you are interested in learning more about the conference or would like to volunteer.

c. First Responders-Dr. George Reed. The Fireman's Awards Banquet is scheduled for June 10th, and our chapter will sponsor a table. The Chapter presented an award at the 19 March meeting to Chief Niski, who retired after 30 years of service to the City of Colorado Springs culminating as the Police Chief. Associated with First Responders, George has arranged to have our May Guest Speaker, Judge David Shakes, present on the topic of the Veteran's Court.

d. Programs-Steve Shambach

(1) April 14th: General Membership Meeting. Guest Speaker: Army Veteran Keith McKim to talk about Special Operation heroes from the Viet Nam War. Note: Our MOWW Region XIII Commander, Col (Army, ret) Pat Stolze will be attending this meeting.

(2) May 14: General Membership Meeting. Veteran's Court Judge David Shakes.

(3) June-No General Membership meeting. RMYLC conducted 20-24 June at UCCS

(4) July TBD:

e. Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) and RMYLC-Steve. Applications are now open for current high school juniors to submit applications. The deadline is April 15th. If

you would like to recommend a High School junior for this conference, have them contact their high school counselor or JROTC instructor.

f. Scouts: Kerm Neal headed up the presentation of several MOWW Certificates to Eagle Scouts at their Courts of Honor. This provided the opportunity to promote and publicize MOWW and invite new members to join our Chapter. Photos of the ceremonies are posted on our website.

5. Old Business

- a. **Recruiting New Members!** *It was pointed out that we are 3/4 of the way through our fiscal year and our Colorado Springs Chapter has not recruited anyone yet! I need your help!! Again, the goal is for each of you to bring in one new member this year. Invite a prospective companion to an upcoming membership meeting.*
- b. Colorado Tax Exempt Status. Rich Peters and Mike Berendt continue working on Colorado tax exempt status for our Chapter. National HQs is exploring Tax Exempt 501(c)3 status for the entire organization.

6. New Business.

a. Election of Chapter Officers for 2022-2023. We are accepting nominations to fill staff positions for our Chapter for Operating Year 2023, which begins July 2022 and ends 2023. We will accept either self-nominations or nominations of other Chapter Members. Positions are:

- Chapter Commander
- Senior Vice Commander
- Junior Vice Commander
- Adjutant
- Treasurer/Assistant Adjutant

b. Volunteer Solicitation. In addition, we are soliciting from membership volunteers for the following vacant positions (please go to MOWW website for job descriptions if you are interested in these positions). These are non-elected positions.

- (1) Historian (Priority Position Steve would like filled)
- (2) Public Relations (Priority Position Steve would like filled)
- (3) Marshall
- (4) Chaplain
- (5) Judge Advocate

c. The CINC Solicitation

The Commander in Chief is appealing to you to donate generously to the CINC Solicitation by making a *tax-deductible donation* in support of our Order's patriotic and educational activities. He also asks that you encourage other Companions in your chapter to do so too. Our CINC Solicitation goal of \$100,000 helps pay for activities such as:

- Supporting chapters via essential services (e.g., YLC insurance) and merchandise (i.e., products of all types)
- Existing awards, e.g., ROTC/JROTC Awards of merit, GSUSA Gold Award, and BSA Eagle Scout Certificates
- New awards, e.g., Outreach Service Medal and BSA Sea Scout, Quartermaster and Venture Scout Certificates
- Service Academy awards and military college awards

- Medals & certificates to ROTC/JROTC cadets & BSA & GSA scouts not supported by chapters
- Promotional material and program brochures for existing and start-up chapters
- The *Officer Review* magazine, which is MOWW's only way to communicate with all Companions
- YLC Support via additional YLC issues of the *Officer Review* that YLC Directors use for advertising & recruiting
- The MOWW website at www.moww.org, which the Order's Companions use in support of every activity area
- MOWW Convention Support, including the Distinguished Service and National Commander Award programs

d. National Convention. The next MOWW National Convention is in Pensacola, FL 4-8 August. Information is provided in the current issue of *Officer Review*. This is a very worthwhile gathering of MOWW members nationwide, including Puerto Rico. I encourage you to consider attending to learn more about MOWW and meet other Commanders, staffs and members.

7. **Next Staff Meeting:** Thursday, 14 April, 1700 at Hill House.

8. **Next Chapter Meeting: Saturday, 16 April 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: Army Veteran Keith McKim. Former Army Green Beret (Silver Star for Valor, Bronze Star and Purple Heart) Keith McKim has a degree in Speech Communication from Metro College, Denver, CO. He is a professional motivational, inspirational and political speaker, he is a published author, an actor in church and community theater, an amateur singer and poet and an active Republican Party member. He owns Florissant Kennels in Florissant, Colorado. He has produced a CD entitled "Viet Nam Green Berets SOG Medal of Honor Recipients." These stories are powerful, especially as Keith served with SOG in Vietnam and sustained severe injuries in action behind enemy lines.

Reservations Required: Please RSVP no later than 13 APRIL 2022 to

LTC Mike Berendt, 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!

9. **Questions? CONTACT:** Steve Shambach 719-447-5505 shambachsm@msn.com

For the Good of the Order.

Steve Shambach, COL, USA (Ret)

Colorado Springs Chapter Commander

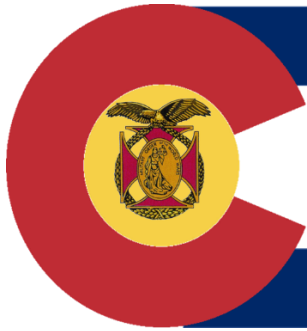
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"It is nobler to serve than to be served"

Attachments:

1. Contribution/Pledge Form
2. Nomination Form
3. Chapter Officer Job Description



**The Military Order of the World Wars
Colorado Springs Chapter
Post Office Box 2152
Monument, Colorado 80132**

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.)

Name _____

Please make checks payable to Colorado Springs Chapter, MOWW

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

**Colorado Springs Chapter, Nomination Form
for FY 2022-2023**

1. Commander

Write in Candidate

**2. Senior Vice
Commander**

Write in Candidate

**3. Junior Vice
Commander**

Write in Candidate

4. Adjutant

Write in Candidate

5. Treasurer

Write in Candidate

**6. Assistant
Treasurer/Adjutant**

Write in Candidate

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Attachment 2: Position Descriptions from 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. Insure 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. Insure 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. Insure that the above items are appropriately placed at all

c. Check the public address system to insure 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 insure 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

- b. Make appropriate reports at Chapter meetings;
- c. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and Staff.