

The Military Order of the World Wars



COLORADO SPRINGS, CO CHAPTER #151

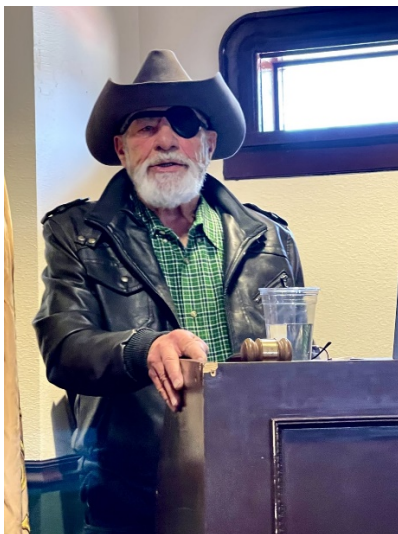
5 May 2022

1. Commander's Corner:

Greetings, Companions! Spring is in the air and our schools are finishing up the year, preparing for summer break! Warmer weather and longer days make this an enjoyable time of the year as we prepare for the summer. Our chapter is finalizing election of officers for the next year. Balloting was conducted in person at our April meeting and electronically for those for whom we have e-mail addresses.

Significant activities in April:

This month's highlight was the April 16th Membership meeting: **Army Veteran Keith McKim**. Former Army Green Beret (Silver Star for Valor, Bronze Star and Purple Heart). He explained the history behind the SOG, Studies and Operations Group, later Special Operations Group. He also told the stirring story of SOG Medal of Honor recipient, MSgt Roy Benavidez. His presentation was spellbinding for the 25 members who attended this luncheon. Col (USA, ret) Lee Van Arsdale is to be thanked for inviting Keith to speak and provided an excellent introduction. We were particularly pleased to have our Region XIII Commander, Col (USA, ret) Pat Stolze attend the meeting and provide brief remarks.



Keith McKim



Col (USA, ret) Pat Stolze



Steve Shambach presents Certificate to Keith McKim



Lee and Marilee Van Arsdale and Keith McKim

Looking ahead, this is also the month our Chapter presents JROTC and ROTC awards to program exceptional performers. In addition, we have and will continue to present certificates to Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients. Our operating year ends June 30th, so we will be reporting our year end Chapter Activities and submit our programs to compete at the National level within our category of medium sized chapters.

2. Administrative

Member Birthdays: Best wishes for the following companions:

May: CDR Brian Gauck – 12 May; Lt Col Paul Willey – 13 May; Lt Col John Snider – 15 May; LTC Phillip Mallory II – 18 May; Col Robert Smith – 18 May; Col James Taylor – 21 May; Col A.J. Gerathy – 23 May; LTC Michael Berendt – 24 May

June: Maj Dean Rizzo – 5Jun; Maj Helinski – 8 Jun; Mr. Walter Roy – 8 Jun; Lt Col Richard Peters – 12 Jun; Maj William Frier – 16 Jun; CPT Daniel Monroe – 16 Jun; LTC Chad Henderson – 20 Jun; Lt Col Ulysses Swift – 28 Jun; Lt Col Jo Carroll – 30 Jun

3. Staff Reports

a. Monthly Staff Report. Staff Meeting held on April 14th. The following are items of interest:

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

CDs:	\$12,205.98
Checking:	\$4,986.70
Savings:	\$101.12
Total:	\$17,293.80

Expenses: Patty Jewett Luncheon; plaques & engraving
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c. We received the annual Membership Dividend of \$1966.03 from National MOWW based on our Perpetual Member strength!

e. Adjutant Membership Report-Ulysses Swift

Current number of members	77	Change since last month
Residing in Colorado	67	
Members over age 75	23	
Members below age 75	54	

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 have prepared 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.

b. Patriotic Education-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. George has arranged to have our May Guest Speaker, Judge David Shakes, present on the topic of the Veteran's Court (details below).

d. Programs-Steve Shambach

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

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

(3) July 28th, Thursday evening (T) LCdr (USN, ret) Coy Ritchie, Commander Denver MOWW Chapter, regarding his Navy experiences and installation of officers.

e. Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) and RMYLC-Steve. 132 applications were received and invitations are out to fill the 99 spaces for this year's conference.

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!** Our goal is to recruit 6 new members this year. We only have 2 more months to meet this goal. So far, we have recruited 3 new members and will have a 4th by the end of May. You can help us get to our goal by signing up a new member!

(1) Volunteer Solicitation. 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.

- Historian (Priority Position Steve would like filled)
- Public Relations (Priority Position Steve would like filled)
- Marshall
- Chaplain
- Judge Advocate

b. 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. You can register at the MOWW Website www.moww.org

6. New Business. Region XIII Meeting was held on 7 April. Region XIII is planning to submit to host the National Convention in 2024.

7. Next Staff Meeting: Thursday, 12 May, 1700 at Hill House.

8. Next Chapter Meeting: Saturday, 14 May 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: Honorable David Shakes. Judge Shakes has served as a District Judge since March 2003. Judge Shakes came to Colorado in 1979 when he was stationed at Fort Carson as an Army Judge Advocate. While on active duty in the Army Judge Shakes served as a claims officer, prosecutor, and defense counsel. After leaving active duty in 1983, he remained active in the Army Reserve. Judge Shakes, as a Colonel served as the Commander of the trial judges of the Army Reserve. He is a strong advocate for veterans and presides over the 4th Judicial District Veterans Trauma Court. Ours was the first specialty court for veterans in Colorado and one of the first in the nation. The Veterans Trauma Court (VTC) is a state and grant funded problem-solving court that provides an alternative to incarceration for U.S. military veterans and active-duty military personnel with trauma spectrum disorders and/or substance abuse issues who have proven to be high risk and high need. Judge Shakes has been active in community activities to include Vice President (Finance) of the Pikes Peak Council, Boy Scout of America, and President of the East Colorado Springs Rotary Club. Judge Shakes graduated from Lehigh University with a B.A. with highest honors in 1975 and from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1978. Additionally, he received the Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College in 2003.

Reservations Required: Please RSVP no later than 11 May 2022 to LTC Mike Berendt, berendt478@aol.com; (410)908 6777 and CC: Steve Shambach, shambachsm@msn.com; (719)447-5505

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

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

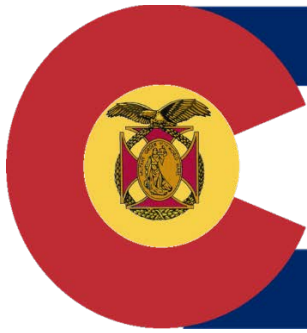
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For the Good of the Order.

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“It is nobler to serve than to be served”

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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

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