

# Military Order of the World Wars



## Chapter 151 Region XIII April 2023 Newsletter



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### COMMANDER'S REMARKS (8 Apr)

Greetings, Companions!

We had a good turnout for the March luncheon supporting our National Security Program. Jon Wisham invited our guest speaker, Norman Lieberman, the Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis for CO, ID, MN, MT, NM, ND, SD, UT & WY. His presentation on the DHS fusion centers, positive impact on gathering intelligence and information sharing, and the regional threat picture was very informative.

April monthly activities include the Boy Scout and JROTC award presentations. Col Neal will present MOWW certificates to Eagle Scouts. Lt Col Swift will present JROTC awards at local high schools. If you would like to help with the award presentation for either the Scout or JROTC, please contact [Col Neal](#), [Lt Col Swift](#) or [LTC Berendt](#).

We have upcoming Chapter Elections for Operating Year starting 1 July 2023 and ending 30 June 2024. Please consider volunteering for a Chapter Staff position including Chapter Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant and Treasurer. We are always looking for new volunteers for these positions to bring in new ideas and provide the leadership to keep our Chapter successful. Please see our chapter website: <https://cos-moww.org> or this [link](#) for information on the position's duties and responsibilities. See the [Membership and Recruiting](#) section in this newsletter for election procedures.

As mentioned in previous newsletters the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC), The Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation needs volunteers for planning and executing the 12-16 June RMYLC at CSU Pueblo. The RMYLC will include about 100 rising high school seniors for a week long in-resident experience emphasizing leadership, patriotism and the free enterprise

system. If you know of any high school juniors who you think are interested in this week long, no cost program, have them contact their high school counselor or JROTC instructor for an application. Deadline for applications is 19 April! Additional details at the RMYLF website: [www.rmylf.org](http://www.rmylf.org). Please contact me if interested in helping with the conference.

Finally, as mentioned in the past couple of newsletters please consider donating to the Chapter. Local donations are critical to sustain our support levels. MOWW Headquarters annual dividend contributions to the Chapter are significantly reduced due to stock market performance and will result in decreasing our activities. Please consider a contribution to the Chapter if you are able.

Looking forward to seeing you at our April Membership Meeting!

STEPHEN SHAMBACH, Col, USA (Ret)

Chapter Commander

*It is nobler to serve than to be served*

### UPCOMING EVENTS (April & Later)

#### ✓ STAFF MEETING (21 Apr 23)

- Friday, 1100
- Location: Hill House
- Virtual Info:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81232197567?pwd=MnpKUUN3WVh5RHVSNTZTCQT09>

#### ✓ MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON (29 Apr 23)

- Saturday, 1130
- Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course.
- National Defense Program: US Army Space Brigade
- Virtual  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84306387681?pwd=Nk1kQVRkY2Y2ZkVWRy9xaIFGOGlrZz09>

#### ✓ MEMBERSHIP DINNER (18 May 23)

- Thursday, 1700



- Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course.
- Program: Election and Army Space Brigade Commander
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89839416260?pwd=M1lqVFFkTmUwY1V3SHp5SE1mUXpQQT09>
- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP DINNER (20 Jul 23)**
  - Thursday, 1700
  - Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course.
  - Program: New Officer Induction and outgoing Commander Year in Review
  - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85689357461?pwd=WmYxVEhZb01QZEs3OFFaV05HTVp5QT09>
- ✓ **MOWW NATIONAL CONVENTION (1-6 Aug 23)**
  - Location: Annapolis, MD

### PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP MEETING (18 Mar 23)

The Chapter was pleased to welcome Mr. Norman Lieberman, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Intelligence & Analysis' (I&A) Rocky Mountain Regional Director encompassing CO, ID, MN, MO, NM, ND, SD, UT and WY. Mr. Lieberman's presentation covered 1) an overview of the DHS mission and TSA's role in supporting the mission through effective management of I&A personnel in the region in planning, collection, processing, analyzing and disseminating intelligence and homeland security information primarily in partnership with State and local fusion centers; 2) intelligence fusion center operations; and 3) regional threat summary. At the conclusion of his presentation the attendees gained an understanding of the role TSA intelligence in concert with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies working in partnership in securing the nation from the threats faced.



(L-R) Companion J. Wisham, Mr. Lieberman and Commander S. Shambach

- Minutes Procedure Change: Minutes approved and published the Sunday after a Staff meeting.
- Financials LTC Berendt submitted the Treasurer's Report as of 1 Mar. Organization financial structure is sound. Budget projections through 30 Jun will require increased fundraising among Chapter Companions to close the approximately \$1,000 deficit or reduction of outreach initiatives supporting Patriotic Education and young adult programs (ROTC and JROTC). Treasurer working to optimize CDs to take advantage of higher interest rates. Unallocated funds will move to general fund for future financial reports.

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| Certificate of Deposit:             | \$12,387.60        |
| Savings Account Balance:            | \$101.17           |
| Checking Account Balance:           | \$5,615.88         |
| <b>Total Chapter Asset Balance:</b> | <b>\$18,104.65</b> |

### Committee Updates

- ROTC and JROTC: Need volunteer Companions to serve as presenters for upcoming award presentation ceremonies. Lt Col Swift will present our first JROTC award of the season on Wednesday, 5 Apr, 1830, at Doherty High School. If you can assist please contact either [LTC Berendt](#) or [Lt Col Swift](#). Presentations begin in April and end in late May.
- Scouts – [Lt Col Peters](#) working with USAFA Plans and Programs department to follow-up on reactivation of USAFA Eagles Club. Col Neal presenting award at upcoming Troop 149 Eagle Scout Award Ceremony. Col Neal working to present at Scouting Awards Banquet and Girl Scout Award Ceremony.
- Outreach – three initiatives. 1) Young Marines proceeding with meeting between both local Chapters. 2) Civil Air Patrol (CAP) – Lt Col Peters pursuing squadron contact at USAFA. COL Shambach to provide Lt Col Peters with MOU from another MOWW Chapter as template for outreach agreements. 3) Staff contacting Companions to determine status and Chapter support level.
- Patriotic Education – Need volunteer Companions to assist with Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC). Contact [COL Shambach](#) to volunteer.
- Homeland Security – March membership meeting will have Mr. Norm Lieberman,

### STAFF MEETING (16 Mar 23)

- Virtual. Attendees: COL Shambach, LTC Berendt, Lt Col Peters.

Regional Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Intelligence Director as Guest speaker.

- National Defense Committee and Veterans Affairs (VA) Committee. Lt Col Peters volunteered to serve as chair for both committees. Need Companions to volunteer to serve on either committee. Please contact [Lt Col Peters](#) if interested.

#### **Old Business**

- Membership and Recruiting – All recruit new members before 30 Jun for Operating Year (OY) 2023-2024! Please consider recruiting younger members. We need to recruit one new member to meet OY 23 Chapter Goal (currently have confirmation of two new members).
- 2023 National Convention – please contact [COL Shambach](#) if you plan to attend.
- Companion volunteers needed for Operating Year 23-24 (Jul to Jun) Staff Positions. Please [contact any Staff member](#) if interested in any position.

#### **New Business**

- Publish Rules of Engagement (ROE) for guest speaker to allow for non-attribution.
- Next Region XIII Meeting, 13-15 April, Tucson, AZ.
- Mar-Apr Officer Review (OR) included Chapter RMYLF and Phoenician Award presentations.
- Review and Publish process for nominations and volunteers for Staff positions ([see Membership and Recruiting](#)).

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#### **STATUS OF CHAPTER GOALS FOR THE REMAINDER OF OPERATING YEAR**

1. Completed procedures for conducting monthly virtual or in-person Chapter meetings.
2. Completed establishment of Boy Scouts of America; Girl Scouts of America, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and JROTC, First Responders (local police, fire and medical, Homeland Security, National Defense and Veterans Affairs committees).

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#### **Membership and Recruiting**

It is time for our annual MOWW Staff elections. The vitality of our Chapter depends on volunteers willing to take on leadership roles to bring fresh energy and new ideas to our organization. In

accordance with our Bylaws, the following are the elected positions for our Chapter:

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

See this [link](#) for position descriptions in Chapter Bylaws in Article V.

#### **Election Procedures**

- Submit to Chapter Adjutant, [Lt Col Swift](#), no later than noon **Wednesday, 19 Apr** nominations for yourself or other Chapter Members.
- Adjutant will send ballots electronically to Chapter members no later than **Friday, 21 Apr**.
- Chapter members submit absentee ballots (i.e., not attending monthly meeting, etc.) to the Chapter Adjutant, [Lt Col Swift](#) no later than noon **Tuesday, 25 April**.
- **Saturday, 29 April** General Membership
  - Floor nominations for vacant position(s) (i.e., positions with no nominations, etc.) accepted prior to in person voting.
  - In person paper ballot distributed to Chapter Members attending.
  - Junior Vice Commander, [Lt Col Peters](#) will collect all ballots and announce the results.
- Adjutant, [Lt Col Swift](#) will publish results in May Chapter Newsletter.

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#### **FUNDRAISING \$\$**

The Chapter does not have any planned fundraising activities for the remainder of the OY. As the Commander previously mentioned please consider making a donation to the Chapter.

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#### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING (29 Apr 23) National Defense**

Guest speaker for meeting is COL Dave Brooks, Commander, 1st Space Brigade, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command. COL Brooks is a 1999 graduate of the United States Military Academy



(USMA) where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree and was commissioned in the Field Artillery (FA). He has held leadership positions in FA at platoon and battalion. He had

operational deployments to Operation Desert Spring, and Operation Iraqi Freedom I, III, and V as a FA officer.

COL Brooks transitioned from FA to a Space Operations Officer in 2008. He held staff leadership positions at the Joint Navigation Warfare Center (JNWC) and Special Operations Command-US Southern Command (SOC SOUTH).

He commanded the 1st Space Battalion at Fort Carson, Colorado from July 2017 to June 2019. COL Brooks established USSPACECOM's Joint Integrated Space Teams at both USSOCOM and USCENCOM prior to assuming Command of the 1st Space Brigade.

COL Brooks holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the USMA and a Master's Degree in Earth Remote Sensing/Hyperspectral Imagery from the Florida Institute of Technology. His military education includes numerous US Army, Joint and Space courses.

His numerous awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters and badges include Combat Action Badge, Army Master Space Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

COL Brooks is married to the former Patricia (Patti) Laucks. Both consider Ormond Beach, FL as their hometown and have one son, Camden (age 14).

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#### **April Companion Birthdays**

Col Richard Macleod – 12 Apr; LTC Donald Holt – 10 Apr; LTC William Linn II – 12 Apr; Lt Katein-Taylor – 15 Apr; Maj Leroy Pedone – 21 Apr; LTC William Chadick – 23 Apr; LT William Shambach – 29 Apr; Maj David Ritterling – 30 Apr

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#### **May Companions Birthdays**

LT Valerie Warner – 1 May; CDR Brain Gauck – 12 May; Lt Col Paul Wiley – 13 May; Lt Col John Snider – 15 May; Col Robert Smith – 18 May; LTC Phillip Mallory II, M.D. - 18 May; Col James Taylor – 21 May; Col A. Gerathy, Jr. - 23 May – Lt Col James Borders, Ph.D. - 24 May; LTC Michael Berendt – 24 May

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