

# Military Order of the World Wars



## Chapter 151 Region XIII October 2023 Newsletter



The Military Order of the World Wars  
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### Preamble

To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity;  
To inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and the Flag;  
To promote and further patriotic education in our Nation;  
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;  
To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the Armed Forces;  
To promote the cultivation of Military, Naval and Air Science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of National Security for the United States of America;  
To acquire and preserve records of individual services;  
To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of Memorials of the World Wars;  
And to transmit all these ideals to posterity, under God and for our Country, we unite to establish "The Military Order of the World Wars."

### CHAPTER COMMANDER'S REMARKS (10 Oct)

Hello Companions!

What an excellent event at **Flying W** last month! Great turnout, great food, great entertainment (who doesn't love to listen to the Wranglers), and great generosity in helping our area youth through the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation and Conference!

I'm looking forward to our meeting this month, on Thursday the 19th, with Ms. Cindy Long! She is the Director of Honor Flight of Southern Colorado. Honor Flight is a National Organization that transports veterans on a three-day tour of Washington DC to visit their memorials free of cost. To date, Honor Flight of Southern Colorado has flown over 300 veterans from all six services on this trip of a lifetime, with visits to sites such as the Lincoln Memorial, the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the Viet Nam Memorial, to name a few.

As mentioned at our last meeting, in early November all Companions will receive Survey Monkey e-mails covering two vital areas for the Order: Membership, and Naming. Please complete the surveys when you receive them, as National will use the inputs to address concerns and issues associated with naming of the Order and membership criteria. Take action as soon as you receive the mails, as they will only be available online for two weeks once distributed.

Also, here is a link to an excellent Program Impact Sheet on the Order, and all we do for youth, community, and nation. Great "elevator speech" material for recruiting! [https://moww.org/wp-](https://moww.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/09-2023-MOWW-PROGRAM-IMPACT-SHEET.pdf)

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[2023 MOWW PROGRAM IMPACT SHEET.pdf](https://moww.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/09-2023-MOWW-PROGRAM-IMPACT-SHEET.pdf)

We are tracking this year's Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade on November 4th, going down Tejon Street from St. Vrain to Vermijo. Times I've seen so far are from 8-noon. We will send more detail out as we get it, hoping you can make it as we honor those who served and sacrificed for our Nation. Here's a link with parade info: <https://cosvetsparade.org/>.

As a reminder, in November we will transition to our "Winter/Spring" schedule of Saturday meetings. The Nov meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Nov 18th with a speaker on National Security. We are still coordinating to bring in Lt Gen Miller for his Ukraine Update, date still TBD.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege!

V R,

KERMIT NEAL (Col, USAF, Ret)

Chapter Commander

*It is nobler to serve than to be served*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ✓ STAFF MEETING (17 Oct)

- Tuesday, 1700
- Location: Hill House
- Virtual Mtg Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86955439867?pwd=L0tFRHh3T2FqaFFoYTM5K2l1QnV2UT09>



#### ✓ Korean War Armistice 70th Anniversary concert "As the name of Korea" (15 Oct)

- Sunday, 1600-1900
- Location: Bethany Lutheran Church (4500 E. Hampden Ave. Cherry Hills Village Denver 80113)
- Cost \$20.00 Link to [tickets](#).

#### ✓ MEMBERSHIP DINNER (19 Oct)

- Thursday, 1700
- Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
- RSVP to Mike Berendt no later than noon on 16 Oct.

- Virtual Mtg Link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89146015760?pwd=djVrU0M4Q2lyWGZXdHNPRI96bE1MQT09>

**SEPTEMBER FUNDRAISER (21 Sep)  
Patriotic Education**

There was no membership meeting for September. Companions and guests were encouraged to attend the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) Annual fundraiser at the Flying W Ranch.

**UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING (19 Oct)  
Veteran Affairs**

Ms. Cindy Long, Director of Honor Flight of Southern Colorado. Honor Flight is a National Organization that transports veterans on a three-day tour of Washington DC to visit their memorials free of cost.



Their goal is to take 50-100 of southern Colorado heroes per year to Washington DC to honor them with visit to their memorial while they are still with us. Honor Flight of Southern Colorado has flown over 300 veterans from all six services on this trip of a lifetime.

The weekend includes visits to sites such as the Lincoln Memorial, the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the Viet Nam Memorial. Some visits include the United States Marine Corp Memorial, the United States Navy Memorial, the United States Air Force Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery.



**STAFF MEETING (26 Sep)**

Marketing and Outreach. Very good event for 9/11 Commemoration at Ft. Carson, with Colorado Springs Mayor Yemi Mobolade and Councilman Randy Helms in attendance. Kerm will follow up on Veteran’s Day ceremonies for Chapter attendance. New Strategic Goal #5 is “Increase revenues ensuring adequate financial resources to fulfill the Order’s mission.”

Mike Berendt provided financial information as of 2 Oct.

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$12,374.53
Savings:	\$101.61
Checking:	\$1,072.70
Reserved:	\$3,636.01
Total:	\$17,184.85

**CHAPTER ACTION PLAN (CAP)**

Awaiting the Implementation Plan (I-Plan) and associated metrics from Headquarters (HQ) before completing CAP. Currently no timeline for publishing CAP due to dependency on HQs documents that do not have a projected publication date. Commander and Staff decided to continue with basic structure of previous CAP and adjust accordingly when HQs publishes the I Plan. Kerm will guide drafting 2023-2024 CAP. Staff will send inputs to Kerm ASAP. Updated speaker slate for 2023-2024 required for inclusion in CAP to ensure meeting objectives.

**NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS**

**Fort Carson, CO, 11 Sep 23**  
Standing near a memorial made with a remnant of the World Trade Center outside Fort Carson’s Gate 1, Mountain Post and community members commemorated the 22nd anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.



In remembrance of all those who responded to and were tragically killed on that fateful day, three wreaths were laid during the ceremony. The wreaths are in honor of the lives lost at the World Trade Center in New York City; the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia; and in the field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. In all, nearly 3,000 lives were lost in the attacks. Retired Air Force Gen. John Hyten, former vice chairman to the Joint Chiefs of Staff stated “Sadly, we live in a world today where terrorism still exists. We must continue to be vigilant against that threat. Our job is to deter that threat from

attacking our country. But we have to be ready to respond if attacks do occur,” Hyten said “We live in a very dangerous world right now, significant threat to our nation. ... I remain confident in our national security, primarily because men and women of this country proudly wear the cloth of our nation and swear it is important to defend our Constitution against all enemies. When called upon, I know you will answer the call.”

Representing the Chapter at this solemn ceremony were Chapter Commander Kerm Neal; Companion and Colorado Springs City Councilman Randy Helms; and Junior Vice Commander Rich Peters.



(L-R) K Neal, R Helms and R Peters

## NATIONAL PROGRAM LOCAL ARTICLES

### HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)

October is Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity Awareness Month which is the perfect time to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity.



Since 2004, the President of the United States and Congress have declared the month of October to be Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a dedicated month for the public and private sectors to work together to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity. Please see this [link](#) for information on how you can learn information to ensure friends and family have the information they need to stay safe year-round. This includes details on following these four steps Four Easy Ways to Stay Safe Online including 1) using strong passwords; 2) turn on multi-factor authentication; 3) recognize and report phishing; and 4) update software.

### JROTC/ROTC

Mesa Ridge Navy JROTC program held a fundraiser on Saturday 16 September. Junior Vice Commander Rich Peters attended the event, got car washed, and met with the NJROTC staff.



(L-R) LCDR Heath Flory (USN, Ret) and Rich Peters

Naval Science/JROTC is a high school citizenship development education program built on a model of Education, Responsibility, Discipline, and Respect. It is a high school course, with co-curricular activities, contributing to graduation requirements (see [link](#) for more information).

### NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

Please contact Rich Peters if you have any suggestions for future NS presentations or topics.

### PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

The mission of the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) is to build Informed Citizen Leaders by operating an annual leadership conference where rising high school seniors develop youth leadership skills and to educate attendees in patriotism and the free enterprise system of America. Please see this [link](#) for additional RMYLF information.

### PUBLIC SAFETY/LAW & ORDER (PS/L&O)

Companion John Hanaan has volunteered to serve as the PS/L&O Committee Chair. Please contact John if interested in working on PS/L&O Committee.

### SCOUTING

Still pursuing activating Eagles Club at USAFA. Working with USAFA/A5 staff to identify cadets who participated in this year's National Jamboree as possible sponsors.

### VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

El Paso County “Stand Down” October 17. The Stand Down for Homeless Veterans is one day event where Pikes Peak Region Homeless & At Risk Veterans are invited to gather in preparation for the approaching Rocky Mountain Winter Months. They are connected with services & opportunities to help them better their lives.

Please reach out to any veteran experiencing homelessness to attend this session at the City Auditorium 221 Kiowa St, starting at 0800.

## COMPANION OUTREACH & INTEREST

### COMPANION ARTICLES AND FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS/SALES

Please consider donating to the Chapter to meet future financial obligations. New Strategic Goal #5 is "Increase revenues ensuring adequate financial resources to fulfill the Order's mission."

All Companions should have received a letter from MOWW seeking donations to the Operating Year 2023 MOWW CINC Solicitation fund raising drive. Please consider donating to the CINC's fund.

As a reminder...effective 1 January 2024 MOWW membership costs will increase. Current rates will apply through 31 December 2023. The following are the rate changes:

Category	2023 Rates	2024 Rates
Perpetual	\$350	\$500
Regular	\$40	\$60
Memorial	\$200	\$250
Installment Plan Changes for Perpetual Members (Installment plans started before 31 Dec 23 allowed to finish at 2023 rates without penalty of increase.)		
	\$87.50x4	\$125x4

NOTE 1: First Year of Commission (Veteran) & 18-20 year olds (Hereditary): \$200.00 (will not change)

## VOLUNTEERS

Companions consider volunteering for the following Chapter vacancies:

- Historian
- Judge Advocate
- National Security Chair or Committee member
- Public Safety/L&O Committee member



## RECRUITING

New Strategic Goal #4 is "Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership." Congratulations to the COS Chapter for recruiting six new members in the first two months of the OY.

## OCTOBER COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

5 Oct – Col John Abbatiello; 6 Oct – COL Lee Van Arsdale; Oct 20 – LT Robert Bythwood; CPT John Hannon; Oct 23 – Col Watt Hill, Jr.; Oct 26 – LTC Victor Tise; Oct 30 – Capt Ronald Maw

Companion Watt Hill (Col, USAF, Ret) will celebrate his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday

## NOVEMBER COMPANIONS BIRTHDAYS

1 Nov – COL Michael Boatner; 5 Nov - LTC John Russell; 17 Nov – MAJ Roosevelt Hines; 21 Nov Col Richard Rima

## ANNIVERSARIES

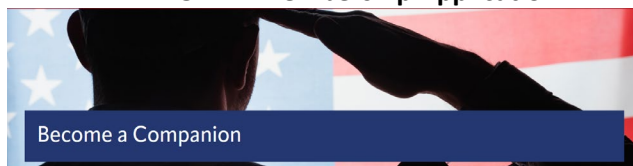
September Military Anniversaries & Observances

- Oct 13 Navy Birthday (established 1775)
- Oct 26 National Day of the Deployed – honoring military personnel deployed around the globe
- Oct 27 Navy Day (established 1922)

## Special Features/Humor/Trivia

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) unified under the Department of Homeland Security. The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 changed the face of homeland security and emergency management and drove major statute and policy changes to reorganize the federal government.

## MOWW Membership Application



Please use this link to submit an electronic application: <https://moww.org/become-a-companion/>. Please see Staff for paper membership application or this link to print your own application: <https://moww.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/MembershipApplication-MOWW-1.pdf>

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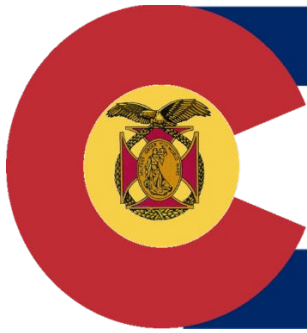
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**CONTRIBUTION OR PLEDGE**

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

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