

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII November 2023 Newsletter



The Military Order of the World Wars
Colorado Springs Chapter
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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 (13 Nov)

Hello Companions!

It was an honor to have Ms. Cindy Long and her husband Oscar Vaughn present last month on the Honor Flight of Southern Colorado! Their dedication and devotion to our Nations veterans is both impressive and inspiring. If you are interested in following up with them, here's a link to their website www.honorflightsoco.net.

This month, on Saturday the 18th, a good friend and former co-worker of mine will be presenting to our group. Nate Watanabe (LTC, USA, Ret) will speak to us on his perspectives on the threats to our homeland. Nate has briefed us before and works as a Strategic Campaign Planner and Branch Chief at the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and US Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), Peterson Space Force Base.

As mentioned at our last meeting, all Companions will receive Survey Monkey emails very shortly covering two vital areas for the Order: Membership and Organization Name. To ensure widespread response, there will also be a QR code in the next edition of Officer Review. Please complete the surveys when you receive them, as National will use the survey 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 response from 10-24 November once distributed. The current plan is for the Ad Hoc Committees to brief the Executive Committee by 15 February, and a vote will be held at the next Convention. Highly encourage attendance at the next convention (held in Valley Forge 5-11 Aug 2024) to ensure your voice is heard on these two issues.

This year's Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade was held on November 4th and was excellent! Very good turnout from the local population, with over 80 different marchers/entrants.

We are still coordinating to bring in Lt Gen Miller for his Ukraine Update, date still TBD but we are working toward a December presentation. As such, we are working around Lt Gen Miller's schedule, so there is no firm date for Decembers meeting yet...we will send notification as soon as we have a date set!

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 (14 Nov)

- Tuesday, 1700
- Location: Hill House
- Virtual Mtg Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82148186599?pwd=a2tJMTYOSVBvd2FsZXFOVTZRVERzZz09>



✓ MEMBERSHIP MEETING LUNCH (18 Nov)

- Saturday, 1100
- Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
- Cost: \$25
- RSVP to LTC Berendt no later than noon on Tuesday 14 Nov.
- No Virtual Services for this Meeting

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING (19 Oct) Veteran's Affairs

Ms. Cindy Long, Director of Honor Flight of Southern Colorado provided membership with an informative presentation on this organization that transports veterans on a three-day all expenses paid tour to visit the various veteran related memorials of Washington DC. Honor Flight's goal is to take 50-100 veterans from southern Colorado per year to Washington DC to honor them with a visit to the memorial commemorating their particular wartime service 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.

Memorials visited include the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the Viet Nam Memorial. Other memorials included in the visit are the Lincoln Memorial, service specific memorials, and Arlington National Cemetery.



(L-R) Oscar Vaughn HFSCO Board Member, Cindy Long HFSCO President, and Kerm Kneal (Chapter Commander) present Certificate of Appreciation

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING (18 Nov) Homeland Security

Nathan graduated from the US Air Force Academy and received a commission as a US Army Infantry Officer. Following tours in Korea and Panama, he attended flight school as has flown throughout the United States, Alaska, Korea, and Afghanistan. He is a Senior Army Aviator rated in the UH-1, UH-60, and Mi-17 helicopters and has served in various command, staff, and instructor positions in the Infantry, Aviation, and Missile Defense. He retired and as an Assistant Professor in Military History at the US Air Force Academy and has taught Military History at the University of Colorado - Colorado Springs and lectured at various local High Schools. He is an

Adjunct Professor of Homeland Security at Colorado State University-Pueblo and is currently a Strategic Campaign Planner and Deputy Brach Chief at the North American Aerospace Defense Command and US Northern Command (NORAD and USNORTHCOM), Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado.

Rules of Engagement for Membership Meetings

Non-attribution for Speaker (see this [link](#) used for definition) - Non-attribution is the lack of attributing any statement, comment, or remark to participants (guest speakers, Companions, and guests) engaging in academic discourse by name in public media or forums, or knowingly transmitting those statements, comments, or remarks to persons who will enter statements into the public arena, unless specifically authorized to do so. Open expression requires trust that those thoughts and opinions are treated as privileged information not to be shared in other forums nor attributed to a specific individual.

Virtual Sessions

1. Please RSVP to mowwchapter151@outlook.com if you plan to participate virtually. Moderator reserves the option to cancel virtual session if no RSVPs received.
2. If you have not joined virtually in the previous MOWW monthly meetings please consider accessing virtual meeting using link in "Upcoming Events" at least 30 minutes prior to meeting start to resolve any technical issues.
3. Moderator will attempt to accommodate virtual attendees to the maximum extent possible during the presentation (i.e., have video camera for speaker, presentation using share screen, etc.) with priority to ensuring the speaker is able to make presentation to the live audience. This may result in supporting virtual attendees with audio only.
4. We will not "mute" participants who are participating virtually. Please ensure you are muted when entering and unmuted when you want to speak. Moderator reserves the right to mute everyone if background noise interferes with the live meeting.
5. We may record the presentation for members who are not able to attend the meeting. Attendance is your approval to allow recording of the presentation only.
6. Please call Rich Peters, 719-660-8501, if you have any issues accessing the virtual meeting or problems accessing the presentation.
7. Moderator will mute virtual attendees during the

meal and resume virtual session prior to guest speaker introduction.

Food Donation Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to the meeting. The Chapter will have a box for collecting food donations at the check in table. We will provide donations to local charity for use during the holiday season.

STAFF MEETING (17 Oct)

Committee Reports

JROTC/ROTC: Young Marines and Civil Air Patrol initiatives to integrate both programs within JROTC/ROTC on hold until budget and CAP published.

National Security, Homeland Security and Veteran Affairs Committees continue to work integrating guest speakers with general membership meeting schedules. Only seven meetings until end of Operating Year (OY).

Public Safety/Law&Order: John Hannan has reached out to District Attorney Michael Allen for possible future guest speaker.

Scouting: Chapter Commander Kerm Neal recently assumed duties as Pathway to the Rockies Council Vice President of Membership. Work still continues to reactivate USAF Academy Flight of Eagles.

Mike Berendt provided financial information as of 5 Oct.

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$12,437.87
Savings:	\$101.93
Checking:	\$1,437.82
Reserved:	\$3,636.01
Total:	\$17,613.63

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

The Chapter would like to recognize Companion Lee Van Arsdale (COL, USA, Ret) for his contributions to the recently published Disabled American Veteran September-October magazine issue that featured the Battle of Mogadishu (featured in book and movie titled Black Hawk Down). His first-hand account of the events and people associated with the battle provided invaluable insight on this engagement. (See this [link](#) for magazine article.)



NATIONAL PROGRAM LOCAL ARTICLES

HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)

"If You See Something, Say Something®" is a national campaign that raises public awareness of the signs of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, and how to report suspicious activity to state and local law enforcement.

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We all play a role in keeping our communities safe. It's easy to be distracted during our daily routines such as going to work, school, or the grocery store, but as you're going about your day, if you see something that doesn't seem quite right, say something. This national campaign's mission is to raise public awareness in two primary areas:

- [Recognizing signs](#) that may indicate a potential nexus to terrorism.
- [How to report suspicious activity](#) to appropriate law enforcement authorities.

(Please see this [link](#) for additional information.)

JROTC/ROTC

Colorado Springs Veteran's Day Parade (4 Nov 23)

The 23rd Annual Veteran's Day Parade was held in downtown Colorado Springs with 81 organizations participating in this event. Organization represented included veteran organizations, business organizations, civic groups, and military units. JROTC



Mitchell HS AFJROTC

units participating in the parade included the Air Academy AFJROTC; Widefield NJROTC; Mesa Ridge NJROTC; Harrison AFJROTC; Colorado Military Academy JROTC; Vista Ridge AFJROTC; Mitchell AFJROTC; Sand Creek AFJROTC; Doherty NJROTC; and Falcon Space Force JROTC.



Chapter Commander Kerm Neal at Parade

NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

Per SECDEF Austin the FY 2024 budget is the most strategy-driven request we've ever produced from the Department of Defense. And as our National Defense Strategy makes clear, the People's Republic of China (PRC) is our pacing challenge. This budget seeks to meet this critical challenge today, tomorrow, and into the future by providing the resources today to continue to implement our National Defense Strategy and keep our nation safe while delivering a combat credible Joint Force that is the most lethal, resilient, agile, and responsive in the world.

The National Defense Strategy (NDS) outlines the Department's defense and security priorities:

- Defending the homeland, paced to the growing multi-domain threat posed by the People's Republic of China (PRC).
- Deterring strategic attacks against the United States, our allies, and our partners.
- Deterring aggression, while being prepared to prevail in conflict when necessary - prioritizing the PRC challenge in the Indo-Pacific region, then the Russia challenge in Europe.
- Building a resilient joint force and defense ecosystem.

Please see this [link](#) for more information.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

RMYLC Award for **Persistence and Reason** is name for Colonel Alfred "Al" Champion who served in the United States Navy in WWII and was a career artillery officer serving in the United States Army from 1951 to 1975. Colonel Champion was instrumental in establishing the Colorado Springs Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars and the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation. (Anyone have information on Col Champion?)

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

Neighborhood Watch is a group of neighbors who are willing to communicate with each other and pass along crime and non-crime related neighborhood information. The groups are educated in crime prevention, trained to observe suspicious activity and report the activity, to each other and the police.

SCOUTING

Boy Scouts of America

Pathway to the Rockies Council Scouting programs are designed to give kids and young adults the skills they need to unlock their full potential and to live life outside – it's bigger and way more fun out there! Please see this [link](#) for more information on Scouting.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Mount Carmel Veteran's Support Center planned and executed the El Paso County "Stand Down" held on 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. Colorado Springs Chapter with community partners supported Stand Down for veterans experiencing



Ed Herlick (Veteran of Foreign Wars) and Rich Peters in-processed veterans to ensure they were provided services needed.

homelessness on October 17. Participants received help applying for benefits, securing employment, housing and case management. Event host, Bob

McLaughlin (COL, USA, Ret) stated homeless veterans get some things that will help them survive the cold weather, but more importantly, we want to provide some information to get them to the next level, it also gives the community an opportunity to give back to these veterans. Companions John and Sandy Russell and Rich Peters represented the Chapter at the event that helped 126 veterans.

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."

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.

NOVEMBER COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

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

DECEMBER COMPANIONS BIRTHDAYS

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10 Dec – Lt Col Simon Willis; 12 Dec – Ms Lisa Wieland;
22 Dec – BG Anthony Trifiletti; 23 Dec - Col Kermit Neal;
28 Dec – Maj Raymond Schmahl; 31 Dec – LTC Warren Wieland

ANNIVERSARIES

November Military Anniversaries & Observances

- Nov 10 Marine Corps Birthday (est. 1775)
- Nov 11 Veterans Day – originally Armistice Day in 1918, renamed Veterans Day in 1954

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.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

COMPANION AWARD(S)

Featured Companion

The Chapter Staff would like to recognize Companion Watt Hill (Col, USAF, Ret) the "oldest" Chapter Companion who was recognized for his longevity in the October newsletter when he celebrated his 99th birthday. The following paragraphs capture Watt's personal history.

Watt G. Hill, Jr, was born in Long Beach, CA, on 23 October 1924. He had a happy childhood during the Great Depression, growing up on a chicken ranch, where the staple, of course, was chicken. That is why, to this day, Watt will not eat chicken! He was a senior in high school when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the US Army Air Force and was selected for training as an enlisted pilot. He was transferred to England and began flying escort and strafing mission in France in February 1945 after completing training as a fighter pilot. He first flew the twin-engine P-38 Lightning and later transitioned to the single-engine P-47 Thunderbolt. He once related that, although the P-47 was bigger, tougher plane, he sure missed that second engine when he headed out over the English Channel!

After the war in Europe ended, Watt was retrained to fly the C-47 and was put to work ferrying material and equipment from Germany and France to Manchester, England. It was here in a pub, one night where he happened upon an English girl whose name was Eunice sitting alone while her older sister danced. Eunice and Watt were married in June 1946. From that union came son, Larry, and daughters Linda and Ruth. Their marriage lasts to this day.

Watt separated from the Air Force as a captain in 1947 and returned to California, where he graduated from Whittier College in 1949 with a BA in history. He was a high school teacher when he was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. This time, he took a regular commission in the USAF and spent the next 21 years primarily in the pilot training business. During this period, he earned an MA in History from St Mary's University, TX. He was deployed to Viet Nam and flew 193 combat missions performing close air support for ground troops. He considers his most notable Air Force assignments as Education Advisor for the Venezuelan Air Force (1956-59), history Professor at the US Air Force Academy (1965-69), and Chief USAF Mission Bolivia (1973-74). His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (2), and Air Medal (9).

After retirement, Watt spent 24 years teaching history at the high school level (8 years at Air Academy and 10 years at Rampart) where he earned notable recognition. He also was heavily involved with school District 38 committees. Watt was also involved with community civic group since joining the Monument Hill Sertoma Club in 1974 (later the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club).

Watt was one of the Chapter's founders and later Commander of the Colorado Springs Chapter, Commander of the Rocky Mountain Department, and Commander of Region XIII. He served two years as the MOWW Vice Commander-in-Chief. Watt was also the driving force and a founding member of the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation and served as the Rocky Mountain Leadership Conference (RMYLC) Director for nearly 20 years. He was the primary driver for the RMYLC's perennial rating as MOWW's best multi-day conference. Because of Watt, thousands of Colorado high school students have benefitted in their lives and careers from this learning tremendous experience.

Watt's life epitomizes the MOWW Motto representing service to his nation and community. See this [link](#) to access Watt Hill's "Telling Stories From His Past" that was presented in 2016 to the Monument Hill Kiwanis club.



Collage of Photos Taken During Watt Hill's 2016 Birthday Celebration (courtesy of Monument Hill Kiwanis Club)

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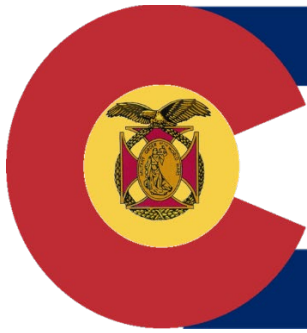
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Yes, I am making a tax-deductible contribution or pledge to the Colorado Springs Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars.

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

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