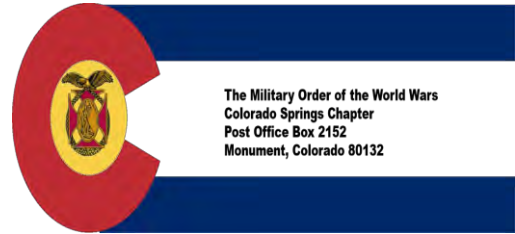


Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII February 2024 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 (TBD)

Hello Companions!

What a great leadership team and group of Companions we have! Due to a family situation, I was out of state for the January meeting, and I left with a clear mind that Jim, Rich, Mike, and Ulysses had it all in control. Many thanks to the staff, and to all of you for your support to them!

I regret that I missed Lt Gen (ret) Miller's presentation, but from all accounts it was fabulous. Congratulations also to Cody Kelly for his award-winning Phoenician Award essay! As I said, I regret missing both Lt Gen Miller's presentation and Cody's recognition.

As previously mentioned, we are actively looking to participate in the Monument 4th of July parade with vintage military vehicles, courtesy of Nate Watanabe (our November speaker). We are also exploring a Massing of the Colors event at some point in 2024. Both activities would require active participation from many Companions to ensure mission success. If you are interested in taking one or assisting with one of these events, let me or any senior staff member know.

Still no news from National on the two recent surveys. The current plan is for the Ad Hoc Committees to brief the EXCOMM 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.

I look forward to LTC Campbell speaking at our February meeting, with two AROTC cadets from UCCS in tow. Great to see young men and women assume the mantle of responsibility in defending our freedoms! Mark your calendars also for El Paso County District Attorney Mike Allen speaking to us on March 16th.

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 (13 Feb)

- Thursday, 1700
- Location: Hill House
- Virtual Mtg [Link](#)

✓ MEMBERSHIP MEETING LUNCH (24 Feb)

- Saturday, 1100
- Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
- Cost: \$25
- RSVP to LTC Berendt no later than noon on Tuesday 20 Feb.
- Virtual Mtg [Link](#)



JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING (20 Jan) National Security

The January 20, 2024 Chapter meeting featured Cody Kelley, National MOWW Phoenician Essay Winner and Chris Miller (Lt Gen, USAF, Ret).

Cody read his winning essay. Cody's parents accompanied him at our Chapter meeting (see Patriotic Education for essay text). Colonel Steve Shambach, RMYLC Conference Leader, and his wife Miriam Shambach, Essay Evaluation Lead, presented Cody with a MOWW National Certificate, a MOWW

Coin, and a \$1,000 check to recognize his outstanding writing achievement.



(L-R) Miriam Shambach, Companion Steve Shambach, Dave Kelley, Cody Kelley, and Tara Kelley

Gen Miller provided an in-depth look at the lessons learned from both the Ukraine conflict and the Israel/Hamas war along with an analysis of their effects on the prosecution of war on today's modern battlefields. He also provided his insight on the profession of arms in an increasingly complex mission and newly contested domains on the nature and cohesion of the military profession, its boundaries and its relationship with civil society.



**UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING (24 Feb 24)
ROTJ/JROTC**

The February 2024 Chapter meeting will feature Dave Campbell (Lieutenant Colonel, USA) who is the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs (UCCS) Army ROTC Professor of Military Science who provide a presentation on the status of ROTC training.

LTC Dave Campbell is originally from Hudson, Wisconsin and entered the Army in 2001. A graduate of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities earning a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, LTC Campbell received his commission as an Armor Officer in May 2001. He has a Master of Science in Adult Education and Leadership from Kansas State University. He is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic, Maneuver Captains Career Course and the Army Command and General Staff College.

LTC Campbell has completed multiple combat and operational tours spanning from Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and western Europe.

LTC Campbell and his wife Natasha have two children Olive (age 5) and Owen (age 3).

STAFF MEETING (16 Jan)

Staff Unanimously approved motion for the Chapter to participate in the Monument Kiwanis Club hosted 2024 4th of July parade. Please review future newsletters for information on parade participation and volunteer opportunities.

Chapter Action Plan (CAP) – the Staff continues to work transitioning the CAP to synchronize with recently published implementation plan. Expect detailed information in the February newsletter and February Chapter Staff Meeting minutes.

CHAPTER ACTION PLAN (CAP)

Strategic Goal (SG) Current	New
SG7 Conduct Chapter Advertising & Publicity	SG1 Outreach – Consistent impactful outreach programs and activities.
SG8 Expand & Improve Chapter Outreach Program	
SG11 Outreach. Expand participation and publicity of our Chapter with Public	SG2 Strategic Partnerships - SG3 Maximize Visibility
SG12 Co-sponsor Youth Leadership Conference.	
SG2. Monthly Chapter meetings.	SG4 Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership.
SG4. Leadership Training.	
SG5. Mentor and Develop Companions.	
SG6. Create a succession plan	

SG14. Register the Chapter as tax-exempt in the State of Colorado.	SG5 Obtain financial resources to full Order's mission.
SG1. Increase membership. SG9. Companion Recognition. SG10. Committee for programs. SG13. Review Chapter Bylaws annually.	SG6 Increase number of chapters and strengthen existing chapters.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

Companion Rich Peters served as facilitator at Mt. Carmel veteran "listening" session seeking inputs to the Colorado Digital Access Plan (CDAP) to ensure veterans as a community of interest are accommodated as the state moves forward allocating resources for plan execution. The listening session was prominently featured on KKTV and KVOR on 19 Jan. A separate podcast was aired on KRDO on 14 Jan. Veteran inputs resulted in changes to the CDAP.



Companion Rich Peters with Mt. Carmel podcast staff publicizing session.

DHS is vigilant against new types of terrorist recruitment as well, by engaging communities at risk being targeted by terrorist recruiters.

Improving Terrorism Prevention

The Department's efforts to prevent terrorism are centered on a risk-based layered, approach to security in our passenger and cargo transportation systems and at our borders and ports of entry. It includes new technologies to:

- Detect explosives and other weapons
- Help protecting critical infrastructure and cyber networks from attack
- Build information-sharing partnerships

DHS does this work with other federal, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement as well as international partners.

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See this [link](#) for additional information on Preventing Terrorism and Targeted Violence.

JROTC/ROTC

AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Mission: Develop Citizens of Character Dedicated to Serving Their Nation and Community.

Goals: Instill values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and sense of accomplishment.

AFJROTC provides citizenship training and an Aerospace Science program for high school students. Secondary school students who enroll in the AFJROTC program are offered a wide variety of curricular and co-curricular activities. The program explores the historic and scientific aspects of aerospace technology and teaches high school students self-reliance, self-discipline and other leadership characteristics. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics concepts are also an important part of this world class program. The AFJROTC program is open to 8th-12th grade students. By Title 10 United States Code, the program is a citizenship program and not chartered as a recruiting program for the military services. Those students who participate in AFJROTC do not incur any military obligation.

AFJROTC objectives are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship and life skills, promote

NATIONAL PROGRAM LOCAL ARTICLES
HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)

PREVENTING TERRORISM AND TARGETED VIOLENCE
Preventing Terrorism Overview

Protecting the American people from terrorist threats is the reason the Department of Homeland Security was created, and remains its highest priority. The DHS vision is a secure and resilient nation that effectively prevents terrorism in ways that preserve our freedom and prosperity.

Understanding Evolving and Emerging Threats

Terrorist tactics continue to evolve, and we must keep pace. Terrorists seek complex means of attack, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive weapons, and cyber-attacks. Threats may come from abroad or be homegrown.

community service, instill a sense of responsibility and develop character, leadership and self-discipline through education and instruction in air and space fundamentals and the Air Force's core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do.

See this [link](#) for additional information on AFJROTC.
AFJROTC Units in El Paso County, CO

Air Academy HS
Sand Creek HS

Vista Ridge HS
Harrison HS

Space Force JROTC Falcon HS

NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

DOD Releases First-Ever National Defense Industrial Strategy (NDIS)

The Department of Defense released its inaugural NDIS, which will guide the Department's engagement, policy development, and investment in the industrial base over the next three to five years. Taking its lead from the National Defense Strategy (NDS), this strategy will catalyze generational change from the existing defense industrial base to a more robust, resilient, and dynamic modernized defense industrial ecosystem.

See this [link](#) for additional information on NDIS

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

Award Winning Phoenician Essay by Cody Kelley
Question: "Should any one person, Senator or Representative, be able to hold up congressional legislation?"

In a world completely consumed by the ebb and flow of fragile political ideologies and governance systems, the continuation of critical components that create separation of power shall be paramount to any governmental success. Through this idea, one enduring thought remains crystal clear: centralized power is fraught with perils. The concentration of legislative authority in the hands of a single individual or a small group has historically led to abuses, authoritarianism, and a loss of public trust. With the immense power that the Congressional Legislation holds, it would be nothing short of foolish to think that any one person should be able to hold up their processes. It should be the mission of the public to ensure that this crude abuse of power never plagues the democracy that Americans past have fought so hard to preserve.

The political system that we know today is by no means without its fair share of shortcomings. Even with the deliberately crafted systems that today safeguard the nation from the abuses of colonial times, unethical politics still take place. Lyndon B. Johnson serves as a recent reminder of the pitfalls that accompany governmental overstep, stemming from an overconcentration of power. With a congressional vote in favor of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in 1964, Lyndon B. Johnson deemed the support: "functional equivalent" to a congressional declaration of war. This would result in an American force over 500,000 engaging in one of the most lengthy and controversial armed conflicts in American history. Many people saw this as a blatant overstep by the executive branch and a clear sign of the need for increased limitations on Executive power over legislation. Anti-war rallies and protests sprung up across the nation and the American people made it clear they would not stand for the disregard of systems put in place to ensure that the nation did not become simply an extension of a single person's agenda. Lyndon B. Johnson's disregard for these systems is an action that will forever be a testament to the importance of the checks and balances that have upheld the Democracy we know today.

Whenever the government acts in a way that is not indicative of the values of transparency, accountability, and ethical politics that democracy is built on, public trust of their representatives vanishes. A reality in which a single person holds the power of congressional legislation would undoubtedly sow seeds of distrust in homes and communities across the nation. That was the case on June 19, 1972, when Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward would go to press completely exposing the Watergate scandal, connecting Richard Nixon to the break-in of the Democratic National Committee building. The story exposed major limitations in the public's access to information and the malfeasance by the Nixon administration was clear. This resulted in the complete degradation of public trust for the entire political system - all because one man had become too powerful and thought of himself above the law. This would be the same reality if complete power of congressional legislation was placed in the hands of a single representative. Without the separation of powers that maintain ethical politics, there would be

no safeguards against renegade politicians doing as they deem fit.

The importance of the governmental systems that control the over centralization of power cannot be denied. The Vietnam War and the Watergate scandal serve as poignant reminders of the dangers of unchecked authority. It is only through the continuation of these systems that can ensure the preservation of democratic values and institutions for generations to come.

MOWW National Youth Civics Summit

Steve Shambach, RMYLC Education Director, nominated Finn Growney and Marian Griffiths to attend the inaugural MOWW National Youth Civics Summit (see [link](#) for program information) scheduled for 7-13 Jul. MOWW HQs will select 16 students from every Region in the US to attend this all-expense paid MOWW sponsored summit. These two individuals along with Cody Kelly distinguished themselves during last year's RMYLC and if selected would represent well the ideals of the MOWW. Unfortunately, Cody Kelley was unavailable to attend the summit due to his impending induction with the USAF Academy Class of 2028.

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

COLORADO SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT (CSPD) COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Since the late 1800s, the CSPD has maintained a standard of excellence in community relations. CSPD embrace a Community Oriented Policing philosophy, rather than only crime response. The CSPD Community Relations Unit, in partnership with all of our sworn and civilian staff, strives to maintain open communication with the community members and build strong relationships with diverse populations to include the LGBTQIA+ community, minority leadership groups, and more. Some outreach programs include:

Regional Teen Academy Youth Program

The Pikes Peak Regional Law Enforcement Teen Academy provides young adults with a unique opportunity to learn about the operations of regional law enforcement agencies in El Paso County. The Colorado Springs Police Department and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office are the host agencies for this 4-day class.

Police Station Tours

CSPD tours are conducted by a cadre of specially trained volunteers. Tours include viewing the

specialized equipment worn by officers, a police cruiser, the holding cell area, the briefing (line-up) room, detective's area and general working areas. Due to the sensitive nature of the work conducted there, tours do not include the Crime Lab or Evidence areas.

The Police Operations Center is the headquarters for the CSPD and does not function as a patrol division, so it is unlikely a tour of this facility will include interaction with a uniformed officer or a police cruiser. Tours of the Police Operations Center may include the Communications Center (Dispatch), the holding cell area (if not occupied), and the Tactical Rescue Vehicle (if available).

CSPD Crime Prevention Unit

Focuses on providing citizens and businesses with tips on how to prevent becoming a victim of a crime.

The specialized officers who staff this program are dedicated to:

- Reducing crime and the fear of crime
- Increasing the knowledge of citizens in providing "pro-active" crime prevention strategies
- Encouraging and training citizens in neighborhood watch activities
- Training the community in a wide array of crime prevention approaches & techniques
- Providing home and business security checks

Please see this [link](#) for additional information on community outreach and volunteer opportunities.

SCOUTING

PATHWAY TO THE ROCKIES

Sea Scouting Program

Sea Scouting is a maritime program for boys and girls ages 14-20 providing a fun, safe environment for Scouts to learn, build friendships, and develop character while earning advancement.

Sea Scout is organized into units called ships—recognizes Scouts for activities they learn and do, including paddleboarding, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, and even SCUBA. Scouts earn certifications in SCUBA, boating safety, lifesaving, CPR—credentials that mark their growth as sailors and leaders throughout their time in the program.

Elected youth officers plan and conduct the program under the guidance of adult advisors. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Flotillas are among the chartered organizations interested in teaching youth activities in, around, or underwater. Each ship is typically sponsored

by a business, service organization, religious institution, or other organizations within the community.

Sea Scouts prepares youth for the routine and unexpected challenges of seamanship while encouraging citizenship, developing boating skills, and promoting water safety through hands-on experience on a watercraft.

See this [link](#) for additional information on Scouting programs.

VETERAN’S AFFAIRS

Colorado Lawyers for Colorado Veterans Clinic
 Fourth Tuesday of the month from 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom VA Outpatient Clinic
 3141 Centennial Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80907
 Colorado Lawyers for Colorado Veterans is a Colorado Bar Association initiative that provides free and low-cost legal services to military veterans. Topics range from veterans’ benefits, taxes, housing, family law issues, criminal, and administrative law.

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- 3141 Centennial Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80907. People with language barriers

**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

Our Chapter is participating in the [Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Kiwanis sponsored July 4th Parade](#). This parade is dubbed the “biggest small-town parade in America.” Over 80 entries thrill 20,000+ spectators during the celebration. Please contact Junior Vice



Figure 12023 July 4th Parade Courtesy of Monument Hills Kiwanis Club

Rich Peters if interested in participating as a “walker” or “rider” aboard WWII vehicles.

- 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.”

FEBRUARY COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

2 Feb – Lt Col Susan Cooley; 3 Feb – Joseph Morgan; 4 Feb – Lt Col Robert Becerra; 5 Feb – MG Thomas Csrnko; 18 Feb - Maj Timothy Matson; 22 Feb – MAJ Charles Clark; 23 Feb – Mr. Jonathan Cole; 24 Feb - LT Andrew Alexander; 24 Feb – Capt Douglas Ketein-Taylor; 26 Feb – Lt Isabel Taylor; 26 Feb – Mr. Michael Wilson

MARCH COMPANIONS BIRTHDAYS

19 Mar – COL James Mundt; 24 Mar – COL George Reed; 29 Mar – Mr. Kobe Neal;

Special Features/Humor/Trivia

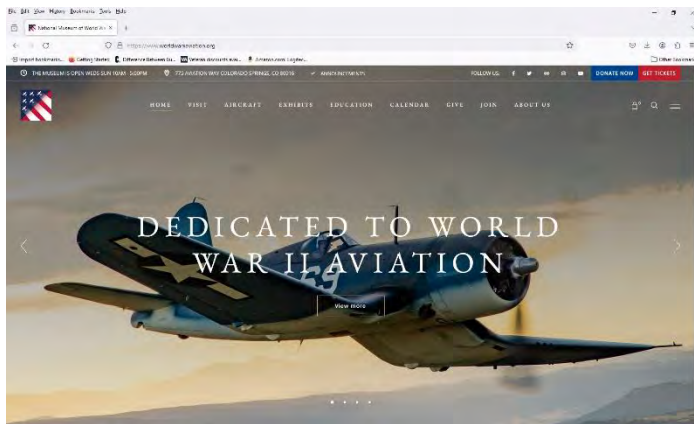
Last month’s newsletter mentioned the Korea Defense Service Medal Congress authorized in 2004. For Companions who meet the qualification for medal and may have separated from service before the medal was authorized you can update your DD-214 to document award of the medal. You will need to complete DD Form 149, Jan 2023 Application for Correction of Military Record Under the Provisions of Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 1552 (see this [link](#) for on line form).

See page 3 of the form for mailing instructions to appropriate service that will review and update your records and send you DD Form 215 you can use to substantiate changes to DD Form 214.

[content/uploads/2022/10/MembershipApplication-MOWW-1.pdf](#)

Featured World War Organization

Please consider patronizing the National Museum of World War II Aviation located here in Colorado Springs whose mission is to provide unique educational experiences that promote a deeper understanding of the



historical importance of American aviation in World War II and its role in shaping the world we live in today. It does this to preserve and strengthen the best traditions of the American aviation past and inspire new generations of leaders and innovators in the future.. ([Link](#) to museum website).

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

COMPANION AWARD(S)

Strategic Goal 3 Maximize Visibility and Strategic Goal 4 Growing Engaged MOWW Membership are linked through the Companion Awards program. Please review the MOWW Awards program (Chapter 7 in this [link](#)) and nominate deserving Companions and non-Companions for the appropriate award. Your activation participation will support the Chapter in accomplishing these strategic goals.

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->

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[Link to MOWW Preamble](#)

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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.)

Name

Please make checks payable to Colorado Springs Chapter, MOWW

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