

# Military Order of the World Wars



## Chapter 151 Region XIII April 2024 Newsletter



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### CHAPTER COMMANDER'S REMARKS (8 Apr 24)

Hello Companions!

Trusting all had a very good time during Spring Break, and had an excellent Easter with fellowship, family, friends, and fun.

What a great presentation in March from Mike Allen! His insight into the Stauch and Club Q cases was fantastic, and the scope of his authority and responsibility as the 4th Judicial District DA is overwhelming. His service to our Nation, state, and community is admirable.

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). If you are interested in taking on or assisting with one of these events, let me or any senior staff member know.

The next convention (held in Valley Forge 5-11 Aug 2024) will be voting on two critical items, dealing with membership and naming. The Membership Ad Hoc Committee recommended to the EXCOMM that the MOWW Constitution be amended to include Senior Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) in the ranks of E-7 through E-9 for membership. The Naming Ad Hoc Committee does not recommend a name change for the Military Order of the World Wars. Both items will be up for discussion at the Convention.

I look forward to the April 20th meeting with a presentation from MAJ (USAR) Tisha Ellis. Tisha is a civilian Primary Mental Health Nurse Practitioner with the Defense Health Agency at Fort Carson, Colorado, where her patients are active-duty Army service members. She provides outpatient mental health evaluations, diagnosis, and medication management for her patients. She is also a Major in the Army Reserve Nurses Corp. Anticipating a great meeting and insightful presentation.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege!

Stay safe!

V/R,

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***It is nobler to serve than to be served***

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **STAFF MEETING (17 Apr)**
  - Wednesday, 1700
  - Location: Hill House
  - Virtual Mtg [Link](#)
- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP MEETING LUNCH (20 Apr 24)**
  - Saturday, 1100
  - Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
  - Cost: \$25
  - RSVP to LTC Berendt no later than noon on Tuesday 16 Apr.
  - Virtual Mtg [Link](#)



### MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING (16 Mar) Public Safety and Law & Order

The March 2024 Chapter meeting featured *District Attorney Michael Allen as our guest speaker at our 16 March 2024 Membership meeting. DA Allen has served in the Colorado 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office since 2011 and was named the Homicide Prosecutor of the Year in both 2015 and 2017. In November 2020 he was he was elected and sworn in on January 2021 as District Attorney of the 4th Judicial District which serves over 1 million Colorado citizens in Teller and El Paso Counties.*

*DA Allen provided rare insights into his two most prominent cases over the past year – the murder of Gannon Stauch by his Stepmother Leticia Stouch and the mass killing of five individuals at Club Q, an LGBTQ safe-haven.*

*Both cases received national attention and DA Allen prosecuted them personally, securing life sentences without parole for each of the perpetrators. We are grateful to DA Michael Allen*

for his leadership and for representing all of us within the 4th Judicial District.



(L-R) DA Mike Allen, his wife Heidi, Colonel Kerm Neal (COS Commander), and COS Councilman and MOWW Member Colonel Randy Helms

### UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING (20 Apr 24) National Security

Our April meeting guest speaker is Tisha Ellis a civilian Primary Mental Health Nurse Practitioner with the Defense Health Agency at Fort Carson. Tisha provides outpatient mental health evaluations, diagnosis, and medication management for her patients. She is a Major in the Army Reserves Nurse Corps where she serves as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and has an additional Area of Concentration (AOC) as a Medical-Surgical Nurse. She is currently assigned to a Medical Brigade located in Aurora, Colorado and has previously been assigned to Reserve medical units in Iowa, Texas and Georgia. She is married to fellow Companion Mark Ellis!

Tisha's presentation will inform attendees on her duties and responsibilities associated with mental health care for active-duty service members.

#### OY2025 STAFF ELECTION.

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
- Adjutant
- Senior Vice Commander
- Treasurer

- Junior Vice Commander
- See this [link](#) for position descriptions in Chapter Article V Bylaws.
- Election Procedures
- Submit to Chapter Adjutant, Lt Col Swift, no later than noon Tuesday, 16 Apr nominations for yourself or other Chapter Members.
  - Adjutant will send ballots electronically to Chapter members no later than Thursday, 19 Apr.
  - Chapter members submit absentee ballots (i.e., not attending monthly meeting, etc.) to the Chapter Adjutant, Lt Col Swift no later than noon Friday, 19 April.
  - Saturday, 20 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.

### STAFF MEETING (12 Mar)

- Please review future newsletters for information on Companion volunteer opportunities associated with Monument 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The Chapter will use two WWII vehicles (jeep and 4x4 ¾ Ton truck) and a Vietnam era 2 ½ Ton "Gun Truck" vehicle that can accommodate 18 Companions to ride in the vehicles. Contact Rich Peters if interested in participating in the parade.
- Companion John Hannan committed to conduct future Massing of Colors (OY25).
- Staff will undertake effort to obtain biographies for Chapter Companions. This requirement has lapsed over time and requires additional attention.
- Chapter Staff approved joining Pikes Peak Veteran's Council effective March 2024, whose action aligns with



National and local strategic goals. Membership cost is \$10 for 2024.

- Chapter Action Plan (CAP) – the Staff continues to work transitioning the CAP to synchronize with recently published implementation plan.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The following tables depict the Chapter’s financial status for February and March.

Information as of 9 Mar 24

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$ 12,592.13
Savings:	\$102.25
Checking:	\$619.10
Reserved:	\$3,465.36
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 16,778.84</b>

CDs: \$45.72 in interest

Information as of 5 Feb 24

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$ 12,546.41
Savings:	\$102.25
Checking:	\$615.86
Reserved:	\$3,465.36
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 16,729.88</b>

CDs: \$63.20 in interest

**CHAPTER ACTION PLAN (CAP)**

Strategic Goal (SG) Current	Initiatives
SG1 Outreach – Consistent impactful outreach programs and activities.	Joined Pikes Peak Veterans Council (PPVC)
SG2 Strategic Partnerships -	Leverage PPVC membership to identify other veteran organizations to establish strategic partnerships.
SG3 Maximize Visibility	Participation in Monument 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade.
SG4 Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership.	Recruited or accepted transfer of 8 Companions (7 new and 1 transfer).
SG5 Obtain financial resources to fulfill Order’s mission.	Regular solicitation of donations from Chapter Companions.
SG6 Increase number of chapters and strengthen existing chapters.	In development.

**NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS**

The next CINC Townhall scheduled for 9 Apr 24 from 1900-2030. Please use this [link](#) to register for the meeting.

**NATIONAL PROGRAM LOCAL ARTICLES**

**HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)**

Transportation Security

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was created in the wake of 9/11 to strengthen the security of the nation’s transportation systems while ensuring the freedom of movement for people and commerce. Within a year, TSA assumed responsibility for security at the nation’s airports and deployed a federal workforce to screen all commercial airline passengers and baggage. TSA now screens 100 percent of all passengers into, out of, and within the United States through TSA’s Secure Flight program. TSA uses the latest technology to stay ahead of evolving threats and is continuing their efforts to screen 100 percent of cargo, regardless of where or how it is moving.

TSA Mission Elements include the following:

- Aviation Security - working to raise the baseline for aviation security across the globe by implementing enhanced security measures, both seen and unseen, at all last-point-of-departure airports in 105 countries around world. These measures were implemented in phases, in coordination with our international partners.
- Cargo Screening - Securing the global supply chain, while ensuring its smooth functioning, is essential to our national security and economic prosperity.
- Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (DHS TRIP) - A single point of contact for individuals who have inquiries or seek resolution regarding difficulties they experienced during their travel screening at transportation hubs—like airports—or crossing U.S. borders.
- Trusted Traveler Programs - DHS provides the only official US Government Trusted Traveler programs for travelers, customized to fit a variety of travel needs. Trusted Traveler programs allow members to use expedited lanes when crossing international borders, and at the airport.
- Visa Waiver Program - Permits citizens of participating countries to travel to the United States for business or tourism for stays of up to 90 days without a visa.

- Maritime Security - The U.S. Coast Guard protects against potentially dangerous cargo. The Maritime Information Exchange makes Coast Guard maritime information available to the public.

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### JROTC/ROTC

Committee Chairs Mike Berendt and Ulysses Swift are seeking Companions to represent the Chapter in presenting MOWW awards to JROTC and UCCS ROTC students during April and May school awards and recognition ceremonies. Typically, an awards ceremony will not exceed an hour plus commute time to and from the event. Dress is business casual. Please contact [Mike](#) or [Ulysses](#) if you are interested in representing the Chapter ([see POC information at end of newsletter](#)).

#### ROTC AND JROTC Navy JROTC

**MISSION:** Helping Today's Youth Meet Life's Challenges  
The NJROTC mission is to instill in students in United States secondary educational institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment.

**HISTORY:** The NJROTC program was established by Public Law in 1964 and may be found in Title 10, U.S. Code, Chapter 102. The program is conducted at accredited secondary schools throughout the nation, by instructors who are retired Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel. The NJROTC curriculum emphasizes citizenship and leadership development, as well as our maritime heritage, the significance of sea power, and naval topics such as the fundamentals of naval operations, seamanship, navigation and meteorology. Classroom instruction is augmented throughout the year by community service activities, drill competition, field meets, flights, visits to naval activities, marksmanship training, and other military training. Uniforms, textbooks, training aids, travel allowance, and the Navy provides a substantial portion of instructors' salaries. Doherty, Mesa Ridge and Widefield High Schools have NJROTC program in El Paso County

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### NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

ANNUAL THREAT ASSESSMENT OF THE U.S.  
INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

This annual report of worldwide threats to the national security of the United States responds to Section 617 of the FY21 Intelligence Authorization Act (Pub. L. No. 116-260). This report reflects the collective insights of the Intelligence Community (IC), which is committed every day to providing the nuanced, independent, and unvarnished intelligence that policymakers, warfighters, and domestic law enforcement personnel need to protect American lives and America's interests anywhere in the world.

This assessment focuses on the most direct, serious threats to the United States during the next year. The order of the topics presented in this assessment does not necessarily indicate their relative importance or the magnitude of the threats in the view of the IC. All require a robust intelligence response, including those where a near-term focus may help head off greater threats in the future.

See this [link](#) for the latest Threat Assessment the Director for National Intelligence (DNI) published 6 Feb 12 (based on information available on 18 Jan 23).

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### PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

The Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) and Chapter Companions have started the planning for the 2024 Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) from June 24-28 at CSU Pueblo. This involves 100 rising high school seniors for a week in-resident experience emphasizing leadership, patriotism, and the free enterprise system. See [www.rmylf.org](http://www.rmylf.org) for additional information on the RMYLC. Please contact [Steve Shambach](#) if interested in volunteering to help with planning and execution of the conference.

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

Colorado Springs Police Department Sponsored  
Community Academy

The Community Academy program is designed to educate community members about police officers, policies and procedures of the department, and the community member's role in the interaction of community members and police through a series of classes. In addition to helping the community members better understand the police department, it in turn helps the police department better understand community members and their concerns. Topics ranged from organizational structure, internal investigations,

community relations, homicide investigation procedures, and more.

In the past, the Community Academy consisted of a 12-week in-person curriculum where officers would present on various topics. It required participants to undergo background checks, limited attendance to 25 people maximum, and classes were held at a set time for 12 full weeks (making it difficult for many people who worked nights to attend). While the program was successful in achieving participant numbers, the department realized there was more that could be done to make this program inclusive for everyone.

Instead of hosting the Community Academy in person, we are now bringing these topics to our community in an engaging online video format. The first video was released on Friday, September 10, 2021, and additional videos will be released periodically throughout the year. The new Community Academy can be found on our website, Facebook, and YouTube.

Please use this [link](#) to access Community Academy videos.

### SCOUTING

#### PATHWAY TO THE ROCKIES

The Pathway to the Rockies Council Recognition Dinner is on April 16th at the Penrose Pavilion. Our Chapter will present new Eagle Scouts with MOWW recognition certificates during the dinner. Companions are encouraged to attend and participate in recognizing these Eagles Scouts. Cost is \$40. See this [link](#) to RSVP to event.

### VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

#### PIKES PEAK VETERAN'S COUNCIL (PPVC)

Constitution Article II Purpose: The purpose of the Council shall be to coordinate Veterans Programs among member organizations of the Council and to coordinate Veterans Programs of the Council with civic organizations as needed. The Council shall promote recognition of Veterans and Patriotism, especially relative to Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and be a forum to exchange information among member organizations.

### 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 for OY25:

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



### RECRUITING

SG4 Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership. Please take an active role in recruiting potential Companions.

### APRIL COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

2 Apr - Col Richard Macleod; 10 Apr – LTC Donald Holt; 12 Apr – LTC William Linn II; 15 Apr - 1Lt Kristy Katein-Taylor; 15 Apr – Lt Col Adam Ackerman; 19 Apr – COL Phillip Wright; 21 Apr – Maj Leroy Pedone; 23 Apr – LTC William Chadick; 29 Apr – William Shambach; 30 Apr – Maj David Ritterling

### MAY COMPANIONS BIRTHDAYS

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

### Special Features/Humor/Trivia

April is Month of the Military Child - recognize military children and youth for their heroism, character, courage, sacrifices and continued resilience.

[LINK](#) - View a list of the many organizations that support military children

April 5, 2024 - Gold Star Spouses Day - day set aside to recognize the sacrifices of Gold Star spouses.

LINK - Organizations that support Gold Star Families

April 14, 2024 - Air Force Reserve Birthday

April 17, 2024 - Purple Up! Day - During the Month of the Military Child, Purple Up! Day recognizes some of the military's most unsung heroes – their children. The day encourages everyone to wear purple representing all branches of the military and showing unity with each other.

April 23, 2024 - Army Reserve Birthday  
April 25, 2024 - ANZAC Day (Australia and New Zealand) - day of remembrance to honor those who served and died in military service for their countries.  
April 30, 2024 - National Military Brats Day - day set aside to honor the children of military personnel. Learn more...

### ***World War II Masters of the Air***

Masters of the Air, a historical narrative book by Donald L. Miller, PhD, and Apple TV+ miniseries about the 100th Bombardment Group, explores the stories of the American bomber boys who brought the war to Hitler's doorstep. Discover more on the 100th Bombardment Group—the "Bloody Hundredth"—and other Masters of the Air-related content available from the Museum. See this [link](#) for The National WWII Museum information on the series

## **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-content/uploads/2022/10/MembershipApplication-MOWW-1.pdf>

### **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."

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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.)

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Name

Please make checks payable to Colorado Springs Chapter, MOWW

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