Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII June 2024 Newsletter

CHAPTER COMMANDER'S REMARKS (1 Jun 24)

Hello Companions!

Thank you for your support to our outreach programs! We were able to have the Scout Executive and Council President from the Pathway to the Rockies Scouting Council at our May meeting to give updates on the Scouting program. Very informative, and eye opening as to how many opportunities Scouting provides to our Nation's youth!! It was also refreshing to hear from a Scout who is working towards his Eagle rank (one more merit badge and his service project left to go). A great program, and we look forward to supporting both Scouting America and Girl Scouts.

We also conducted our elections for the coming operating year, congratulations to Jim Borders for his election to Sr. Vice, Ulysses Swift for his election to Jr. Vice, Rich Peters for his election as Adjutant, and to Mike Berendt for his election to Treasurer. I am honored to have earned your trust to serve one more year as the Chapter Commander, although this coming year will be my last one as Commander due to term limitations and other activities.

As mentioned at our dinner, there is no Companion dinner in June. We HIGHLY encourage Companions to take part in the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC), 24-28 June at CSU Pueblo, even if only for an hour or two on one of the days. We will resume our regular dinner meetings on July 18th with a recap of the year for the Chapter, a readout from the RMYLC, installation of newly elected officers, and potentially a PACT Act presentation from a DAV Chapter Service Officer. More to follow!

Lest we forget, the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landing will be commemorated on June 6th. Hoping you can find some time to give thanks for those who served on that fateful day. Special meaning to me as my namesake (father's cousin) died during the dress rehearsal for D-Day in April of 1944.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege! Stay safe! V/R, Kerm It is nobler to serve than to be served

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Military Order of the World Wars Colorado Springs Chapter Post Office Box 2152

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✓ STAFF MEETING (13 June)

- Tuesday, 1700
 - Location: Hill House
- Virtual Mtg Link
- ✓ NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR JUNE
- **RMYLC CSU-PUEBLO 24-28 JUN**
 - Consider attending any sessions
 - <u>Link</u> to Conference Visitor Registration with schedule of events.
 - <u>Link</u> to RMYLC Banquet (RSVP deadline 13 Jun).
- ✓ FT CARSON D-DAY COMMEMORATION 6 JUN

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING (18 May) Scouting

The chapter was honored to welcome three distinguished guests from Scouting America to our May Dinner Meeting. Jim Machamer, Scout Executive for the Pathway to the Rockies Council provided a look

at the National Level Scouting Program with emphasis on the name change from Boy Scouts of America to **Scouting America** to encourage female membership in the Scouting organization. He was followed by Steve Hayes, the **Council President**



(L-R) Steve Hayes, Jim Machamer, and Kerm Neal

for our local Scouting Organization who updated us on the reorganization and upgrades to the Cub Scout programs, the impact of COVID on Scouting operations and participation, and upcoming Colorado summer camps. Finally, Cody Lambert provided a



"Scouts-eye view" of the process and requirements to



achieve the title of Eagle Scout, the highest level of achievement in Scouting. All the Scouting representatives assured us that Scouting remains one of the most well-attended and nationally critical youth programs to build outdoor skills, leadership proficiency,

Total:

(L-R) Cody Lambert and Kerm Neal community service, and life skills for our students and young adults.

JUNE COMPANION INFORMATION Chapter Election Results

The Chapter elected officers for OY25 that begins July 1. The following are the election results:

- Commander Kerm Neal
- Senior Vice Commander Jim Borders
- Junior Vice Commander Ulysses Swift
- Adjutant Richard Peters
- Treasurer Mike Berendt

Please attend the July meeting for the induction ceremony for the newly elected officer.

STAFF MEETING (14 May)

- Staff working on OY24-25 Chapter Action Plan.
- Staff will decide level of participation at Colorado Springs Police Department Medal of Valor Dinner on Oct 2.
- Staff will advertise joining Denver Chapter in supporting Ft. Logan Cemetery community maintenance on September 18.

TREASURER'S REPORT INFORMATION

The following tables depict the Chapter's financial status Information as of May staff meeting.

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$12,655.89
Savings:	\$102.57
Checking:	\$1,353.60
Reserved:	\$3,340.36

\$17,452.42

CDs: \$63.76 in interest

CHAPTER ACTION PLAN (CAP)		
	Strategic Goal (SG)	Initiatives
	Current SG1 Outreach – Consistent impactful outreach programs and activities. SG2 Strategic Partnerships -	Joined Pikes Peak Veterans Council (PPVC). Completed. Leverage PPVC membership to identify other veteran organizations to establish strategic partnerships.
	SG3 Maximize Visibility	Completed. Participation in Monument 4 th of July Parade. In Progress.
	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. SG6 Increase number of	Regular solicitation of donations from Chapter Companions. In development.
	chapters and strengthen existing chapters.	

NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

National Youth Civics Summit (NYCS) – MOWW in partnership with the MOWW Foundation, is conducting its first NYCS from July 7th - 13th on the campus of American University in Washington, DC.

NYCS is an apolitical and non-partisan event that aims to enhance the civic education of high school students from across the country by providing them with firsthand experiences in and around the Washington, DC area, including Capitol Hill, the US State Department, Mount Vernon, Gettysburg, and more.

This immersive week-long program offers students a unique opportunity to interact with politicians and observe high-ranking appointed officials in action around Capitol Hill, including visits to institutions such as the Supreme Court, the Defense Department, and various other U.S. government agencies.

Throughout the summit, students will also embark on guided tours of significant monuments, participate in simulated classes, and engage in various leadershipbuilding activities, empowering them to become informed and engaged leaders with a deeper understanding of their rights and responsibilities as citizens. Please see this <u>link</u> for additional information on NYCS and opportunity to donate to this worthy MOWW outreach initiative.

REGION XIII NEWS

Region XIII Spring Conference scheduled for Friday, 14 June. Adjutant will send email notification with information on virtual meeting when available for Companions wanting to join the conference.

HISTORIAN ARTICLE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL CEMETERIES

The nation's Memorial Day 2024 ceremonies was observed on the last Monday of May. Ceremonies honored the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.



Pikes Peak National Cemetery

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials,



United States Air Force Academy Cemetery

holding family gatherings and participating in parades.

The Veterans Administration (VA) became steward of the 111-year-old National Cemetery System on September 1, 1973. In 1989, VA was elevated to the Department of Veterans

Affairs, a cabinet-level agency. On November 11, 1998, the National Cemetery System was re-designated as the National Cemetery Administration, and the NCA principal was elevated from Director to Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

The history of the present National Cemetery Administration evolution makes for an interesting read

reflecting the many conflicts the nation has engaged and the development of our nation's honoring the Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our



Fort Logan National Cemetery

country and its values (see this VA link for additional

information on the history of the National Cemetery Administration).

NATIONAL PROGRAM ARTICLE HOMELAND SECURITY (HS) Mission Areas

The Secretary of The Department of Homeland Security oversees the third largest Cabinet Department and leads our nation's efforts to secure our country from terrorism to natural disasters. DHS has a vital mission to secure the nation from the many threats we face. This requires the dedication of more than 260,000 employees, in jobs that range from aviation and border security, to emergency response, from cybersecurity analyst to chemical facility inspector. DHS has five distinct mission areas related to securing the homeland, which includes the largest law enforcement population in the Federal Government.

The following depicts Mission Critical Occupations that most directly affect the Department's mission success. Priority mission critical occupations listed below are identified as having the greatest impact on the Department's goals and objectives:

US Secret Service

•Criminal Investigator - Special agents investigate violations of laws relating to financial crimes such as credit card and access device fraud, as well as computer-based attacks on the nation's banking and telecommunications. In the field of protection Secret Service special agents develop and implement innovative strategies to mitigate threats to our nation's leaders.

•Police (Uniformed Division) - Protect facilities and venues secured for U.S. Secret Service protectees. Provides security for the Treasury Department building and foreign diplomatic missions in Washington, D.C. Transportation Security Agency

•Federal Air Marshal - Detects, deters and defeats hostile acts against aviation. Federal Air Marshals are armed federal law enforcement officers deployed on passenger flights worldwide to protect airline passengers and crew against the risk of criminal and terrorist violence.

•Transportation Security Officer - Conduct security screening of passengers, baggage and cargo at airports to prevent any deadly or dangerous objects from being transported onto an aircraft.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

•Deportation Officer - Uphold U.S. immigration law at, within, and beyond our borders against those who present a danger to our national security, are a threat to public safety, or who otherwise undermine the integrity of our immigration system.

•Criminal Investigator - protect the United States against terrorist and other criminal organizations that threaten our safety and national security. Also targets transnational criminal enterprises that seek to exploit America's legitimate trade, travel, and financial systems.

(Next month will cover Customs and Border Patrol, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), All Components -Cybersecurity needs.)

JROTC/ROTC

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW was honored to provide MOWW ROTC/JROTC Award of Merit Medals, Ribbons, and Certificates to 21 outstanding cadets throughout the Pikes Peak region. Eight Companions recognized 3 outstanding University of Colorado-Colorado Springs (UCCS)) ROTC Cadets and 18 JROTC high school students at 15 Awards Ceremonies in Colorado Springs, Fountain, Pueblo, Widefield, and Canon City.

Colonel Steve Shambach presented MOWW award to Space Force JROTC Cadet Adriana Fombrun from Falcon HS, Peyton, CO. The Chapter is honored to recognize the Space Force JROTC program at Falcon HS representing one of the ten high schools throughout the United States with a Space Force JROTC program



(L-R) Cadet Fombrun and Col Shambach

Lt Col Ulysses Swift present award to AFJROTC Cadet Myles Smith

Lt Colonel Ulysses Swift presented MOWW award to **AFJROTC Cadet Myles** Smith from Harrison HS, Colorado Springs, CO. Harrison HS is one of four AFJROTC programs in Colorado Springs. Another AFJROTC program in Colorado

Springs is Air Academy HS located on the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA). Colonel Mark Weinerth

presented MOWW award to AFJROTC Cadet Charles Weitz.

The Chapter is proud to recognize the Army ROTC Cadets at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS). The



Colonel Weinerth and AFJROTC Cadet Weitz

overstated! As

MOWW members, we

provide the

support and encouragement to dedicated retirees from our Armed Services that have stepped up and

volunteered to continue to

ROTC program commissions premier leaders of character whose: professionalism, intellectual and physical capabilities; ability to adapt and be flexible; and mental toughness make them an immediate asset to lead in any of the Army's winning units. The Chapter recognized three outstanding ROTC cadets representing the top cadet for each Military Training level (Sophomore to Senior).

The incredible value of our ROTC/JROTC programs in training, mentoring, teaching citizenship, and molding the next generation of leaders for our nation cannot be



LTC Berendt present MOWW Gold ROTC Medal to Cadet Corey Cartrette

mentor and teach our nation's high school and college students to be better leaders, citizens, and hopefully,

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take our place in military service to the nation. Our COS MOWW presenters were impressed with the quality and standards of the cadets we saw at these events and are proud to report that our nation will be in good hands for years to come.

NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

(Article to inform readers on the Geographic and Functional Combatant Commands) The Unified Command Plan (UCP) is a strategic document that establishes the missions, responsibilities, and geographic areas of responsibility for commanders of combatant commands. The UCP is a classified executive branch document prepared by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The CJCS normally reviews the UCP every two years and makes recommendations to the President, through the Secretary of Defense, on changes that may be necessary.

There are currently 11 unified combatant commands in the Department of Defense – four functional and seven geographic. Functional combatant commands operate world-wide across geographic boundaries and provide unique capabilities to geographic combatant commands and the armed services, while geographic combatant commands operate in clearly delineated areas of responsibility and have a regional military focus.

Geographic Combatant Commands

- CENTCOM (Current Page): U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida
- AFRICOM: U.S. Africa Command, Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany
- EUCOM: U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany
- NORTHCOM: U.S. Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado
- INDOPACOM: U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii
- SOUTHCOM: U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Florida
- SPACECOM: U.S. Space Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado
- Functional Combatant Commands
- SOCOM: U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida
- TRANSCOM: U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

- STRATCOM: U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska
- CYBERCOM: U.S. Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION/MASSING OF COLORS

The Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) and Chapter Companions will execute the 2024 Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) 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 <u>www.rmylf.org</u> for additional information on the RMYLC. Please contact <u>Steve Shambach</u> if interested in volunteering to help working on the Conference.

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

El Paso-Teller County 9-1-1 Authority (Authority) Mission: The El Paso-Teller County 9-1-1 Authority shall provide the public reliable access to public safety agencies by managing high-quality, redundant, secure, and cost-effective 9-1-1 services while providing exceptional customer service to Authority stakeholders.

The Authority is governed by a board of nine members that work to create a balanced budget each year to provide equipment and services to the seven 9-1-1 call taking and dispatch centers in the two-county region. The Authority provides Quality Assurance, Training, Information Technology Services, Geographic Information Services, and Public Education.

- The Information Technology team monitors the health of the 9-1-1 system, deploys new hardware and software solutions that are used to process 9-1-1 calls, and are on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year to ensure 100% uptime.
- The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) team manages the Master Street Address Guide and provides mapping solutions to first responders and the 9-1-1 call taking and dispatch centers.
- The Public Education team provides a variety of community outreach programs that include public education for schools, community events, civic groups, and work in collaboration with first responders during safety events.
- The Quality Assurance/Training team evaluates hundreds of 9-1-1 calls each month and provides timely feedback to the call takers to ensure the calls

are processed according to the nationally accepted standards. The team conducts training in emergency dispatch protocol for police, fire, and EMS.

SCOUTING

Companion Golfers. The Pathway to the Rockies Council is hosting its annual Eagles for Eagles Golf Tourney at Colorado Springs Country Club on Monday, September 16th, 2024 at the Colorado Springs Country Club to support the Council's Scoutreach Program (<u>link</u> for more info on program). Scoutreach is the Council's commitment to make sure all area youth have an opportunity to join Scouting regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or economic background. Future newsletters will include registration link.

Flight of Eagles reactivation at USAF Academy. Kerm Neal making progress working with USAFA point of contact on reenergizing this club to allow for interaction between the Chapter and USAFA Eagle Scouts. The USAFA Eagles club has reorganized to the Scout Venturing Crew (SVC) with meetings on USAFA. With upcoming finals, graduation and summer programs the USAFA cadets will meet in the Fall. Kerm Neal (Scout Committee Chair) will meet with SVC cadets during the September/October timeframe to develop plans for closer working relationship.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Memorial Day Related Activities Wreath Laying Colorado Springs Memorial Park

The Colorado Springs Chapter of the Special Forces Association (SFA) in conjunction with the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 423 hosted Memorial Day ceremony at Colorado Springs Memorial Park. The SFA member narrated and conducted the ceremony with assistance



(L-R) Councilman Donelson, SFA Narrator, Council President (Companion) Randy Helms

from Mr. Russ Miller, President of the Pikes Peak Veterans Council and Marine Corps League National Officer. Numerous Chapter members were involved or attended the ceremony. City of Colorado Springs Council President and Companion Randy Helms read a



proclamation during the ceremony designating Colorado Springs as a Purple Heart City. Col Paul L Bailey, USAF (Ret) played a significant role laying a MOWW

Memorial wreath at the Tactical Air Control Party

(TACP) monument. Chapter President Kermit Neal also attended the ceremony. The ceremony was well attended with many of the members of the Colorado Springs City Council in

laid at TACP Memorial



(L-R) Companions Randy Helms, Paul Bailey, and Kerm Neal in front of Chapter Wreath

attendance and 300 attendees from the community.



The Chapter participation in other Memorial Day activities included flag placement at the USAF Academy on May 24 and Memorial Day ceremony at Pikes

Peak Veterans Cemetery.

COMPANION OUTREACH & INTEREST COMPANION ARTICLES AND FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS/SALES

- The Chapter continues to seek donations from Companions to allow the Chapter to continue supporting all the various outreach programs.
- Contact Rich Peters if you want to participate or help the Chapter in any Monument Parade July 4 activities.

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. Our recruiting goal for OY25 is to recruit three Companions.

JUNE COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

5 Jun - Lt Kaleb Neal; 5 Jun – MAJ Dean Rizzo; 8 Jun – Mr. Walter Roy; 12 Jun - Lt Col Richard Peters; 15 Jun – LTC James Liedle; 16 Jun – CPT Daniel Monroe; 20 Jun - LTC Chad Henderson; 23 Jun – COL Mark Weinerth; 28 Jun – Lt Col Ulysses Swift; 30 Jun – Lt Col Jo Carroll

JULY COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

9 Jul – Ms. Eunice Hill; 9 Jul – Maj Donald Johnson; 10 Jul – CAPT John McGrath; 11 Jul - Lt Col Edward Tomlinson; 11 Jul – COL Barrie Town; 12 Jul – Col Frank Seaman; 16 Jul – MAJ William Hybl, Jr; 16 Jul – Mrs. Sandra Russell, Ph. D.; 21 Jul – Lt Col Douglas Brower; 22 Jul – Col Robert Sommers; 30 Jul – Lt Col Jon Wisham, Sr

TAPS

There will be a funeral service on Saturday, June 8th at 1100 for Watt Hill (Col, USAF, Ret) at St Matthias Episcopal Church on Furrow Road in Woodmore. Col Hill was one of the founders of our Chapter and the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference. He



was also a MOWW National Senior Vice Commander, retired District 20 History teacher, and retired US Air Force pilot who served in World War II. He lived a life of service, and we highly encourage Companions to attend his funeral service. Due to an expected large crowd and a limited seating area, please RSVP to RF Smith via text or phone call at 719-210-4987.

ANNIVERSARIES

- June 6, 2024 80th Anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion of Europe, Operation Overlord, at Normandy, France, now commonly known as D-Day.
- June 14, 2024 Flag Day Celebrates the adoption of the U.S. flag.
- June 14, 2024 Army Birthday
- June 23, 2024 Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- June 27, 2024 National PTSD Awareness Day Brings awareness about issues related to PTSD.

Memorial Day Trivia

National Cemetery Burials

Most Americans believe only military members and family members are buried in the national cemetery system. What is not commonly known is that in addition to Federal service members, more than a thousand World War I and World War II enemy POWs, and approximately 12,000 Confederate POWs, are buried or memorialized in VA cemeteries consistent with U.S. law and recognized rules of war (set out in the Geneva Conventions of 1949, and the Additional Protocols of 1977, Hague Conventions 1899–1907, and customary international law). Another thousand ally foreign nationals are buried in these cemeteries. Approximately one-quarter of NCA's cemeteries no longer offer burial space and are preserved as historic resources. (See this link for information.)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION COMPANION AWARD(S)

- The Chapter Staff has submitted the Chapter for organizational awards and Companions for individual awards. The National MOWW Headquarters will announce award winners at the upcoming National Convention August 6-11 at Valley Forge Pennsylvania.
- 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 <u>link</u>) 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: <u>https://moww.org/wp-</u> 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

Chapter Website: www.cos moww.org



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

Send to: LTC Mike Berendt (USA, Ret) 1230 Bowstring Road Monument, CO 80132