

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII July 2024 Newsletter



The Military Order of the World Wars
Colorado Springs Chapter
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CHAPTER COMMANDER'S REMARKS (24 July 24)

Hello Companions!

Completed Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) was a smashing success, and many thanks to any and all Companions who were able to participate and attend or assist in any way. Great program, and the Foundation is already planning for next year's conference.

Additionally, MOWW had a presence in the Monument 4th of July parade! We were able to ride in the parade in three vintage military vehicles the Colorado Military Historical Group (CMHG) provided. The group also had reenactors in "period" attire that joined our group. Literally thousands of great Americans lined the route, and it was refreshing to see the patriotism on display...especially as we rode by in the vintage vehicles! Many kudos to Companion Rich Peters for honchoing the effort, and to LTC (ret) Nate Watanabe for bringing in the CMHG! Great event, which we called the "1st Annual," already looking to do it again in 2025, and for our Country's 250th birthday in 2026!

As a reminder, we will resume our regular dinner schedule on August 22 at 5pm at Patty Jewett with a installation of the new operating year officers and presentation from Colorado Springs Fire Department Chief Randy Royal.

Hoping you all had a great and memorable 4th of July as we celebrate our freedoms!

Thank you again for the honor and privilege!

Stay safe!

V/R,

Kerm

It is nobler to serve than to be served

- Location: Hill House
- Virtual Mtg [Link](#)
- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 22**
- Thursday, 1700
- Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
- RSVP: No later than noon on 19 August
- Virtual Mtg [Link](#)

NO JUNE OR JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JULY COMPANION INFORMATION

The Chapter elected the following officers for OY24/25:

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

Please attend the August meeting for the induction ceremony.

STAFF MEETING (13 JUN)

- Staff working on OY24-25 Chapter Action Plan.
- Staff will decide Chapter's level of participation for 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 June 13 staff meeting.

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$ 12,702.52
Savings:	\$102.57
Checking:	\$1,406.76
Reserved:	\$3,290.36
Total:	\$ 17,502.21

Chapter received \$664 Perpetual Membership (PM) Dividend from National MOWW HQs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR JULY**
- ✓ **RMYLC FUNDRAISER TUESDAY OCTOBER 1 AT FLYING W RANCH**
 - [Link](#) to Fundraiser "A Night at the Ranch" Tickets. RSVP closeout on
- ✓ **STAFF MEETING AUGUST 15**
 - Thursday, 1700

CHAPTER ACTION PLAN (CAP)

Strategic Goal (SG) Current	Initiatives
SG1 Outreach – Consistent impactful outreach programs and activities.	Joined Pikes Peak Veterans Council (PPVC). Completed.
SG2 Strategic Partnerships -	Engage with other veteran organizations to establish strategic partnerships. In Progress.
SG3 Maximize Visibility	Participated in Monument July 4 th Parade. Completed. See newsletter page 7 for publicity on parade participation. Upcoming – Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) Medal of Valor Dinner (Oct 2 nd)
SG4 Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership.	New operating year starting July 1. Chapter recruiting goal is three new recruits.
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. Please provide any suggestions to Staff.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

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

This immersive week-long program offered 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.

Please see this [link](#) for additional information on NYCS and opportunity to donate to 2025 NYCS.

REGION XIII NEWS

Chapter Adjutant participated in the Region XIII Spring Conference on Friday, 14 June. This virtual session was a recap of the Region’s Chapter Action Reports (CARs) for each Chapter.

Department Commander, COL Steve Shambach presided over the induction ceremony for newly elected Denver

Chapter officers.



LCDR Coy Ritchie (L) is installed as Denver Chapter Commander by COL Steven Shambach (R), Rocky Mountain Department Commander.

HISTORIAN ARTICLE

D-DAY JUNE 6, 2024

FORT CARSON, Colo. - Eighty years after D-Day, community partners from Colorado Springs and Fort Carson Soldiers gathered at Manhart Field, June 6, 2024, on Fort Carson to honor the Ivy Soldiers who stormed Utah Beach in 1944.

The 4th Infantry Division conducted its inaugural D-Day ceremony at Fort Carson with a museum tour, wreath-laying, helicopter flyover and infantry demonstration, and reaffirmed the oath of enlistment for 12 Soldiers.



COL Wagner, Fort Carson, 4ID Chief of Staff

“As you think back 80 years, and try to envision what it might have been like storming a beach, I ask you to let your imagination take that flyover, and the squad of steely-eyed killers bounding across the field, and multiply by about 100,000,” said Col. Michael Wagner, chief of staff for the 4th Infantry Division.

After the squad demonstration, Wagner laid a memorial wreath to honor the sacrifices Ivy

Soldiers made to defend the world’s freedom.

For community members, witnessing Soldiers reaffirm their oath of enlistment was heartwarming, said Donna

Watkins, a Friend of Fort Carson and niece to four uncles who went ashore in the first wave at D-Day.

“One of the ways that we honor their legacy is to continue our service to the same ideals that they fought to protect — to be ready to defend the ideas enshrined in our



(L-R) Companions Randy Helms (COS Councilman), Linda Rowe, and Rich Peters

Constitution,” said Wagner. “We are grateful for our friends in this great community who support us in that endeavor.”

After the ceremony, attendees were encouraged to explore a static display of Stryker vehicles manned by Ivy Soldiers.

Elements of the 4th Infantry Division participated in D-Day ceremonies at Utah Beach Normandy, France and at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, LA.

NATIONAL PROGRAM ARTICLE

HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)

Mission Areas (continued from June newsletter) Customs and Border Patrol –

- With more than 60,000 employees, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, CBP, is one of the world's largest law enforcement organizations and is charged with keeping terrorists and their weapons out of the U.S. while facilitating lawful international travel and trade.
- As the United States' first unified border entity, CBP takes a comprehensive approach to border management and control, combining customs, immigration, border security, and agricultural protection into one coordinated and supportive activity.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Employs more than 20,000 people nationwide. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., and with 10 regional offices located across the country.
- FEMA leverages a tremendous capacity to coordinate within the federal government to ensure

America is equipped to prepare for and respond to disasters.

- FEMA's mission is helping people before, during and after disasters.

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)

- Serves as an interagency law enforcement training body for 105 United States government federal law enforcement agencies.
- Mission to "...train those who protect our homeland". Through the Rural Policing Institute (RPI) and the Office of State and Local Training.
- FLETC provides tuition-free and low-cost training to state, local, campus and tribal law enforcement agencies.

JROTC/ROTC

The Chapter continues to work to incorporate the Young Marines and Civil Air Patrol (CAP) into the JROTC/ROTC award structure.

- **Young Marines** is a youth program in the United States and Japan open to all youth between the ages of 8 and 18 or high school graduation. The Young Marines program is the leader in youth Drug Demand Reduction education and has received many accolades for its DDR programs.
- **Civil Air Patrol (CAP)** is America's premier public service organization for carrying out emergency services and disaster relief missions nationwide. As the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, CAP's vigilant citizen volunteers are there to search for and find the lost, provide comfort in times of disaster, and work to keep the homeland safe. Its 56,000 members selflessly devote their time, energy, and expertise toward the well-being of their communities, while also promoting aviation and related fields through aerospace education and helping shape future leaders through CAP's cadet program.

“Volunteers serving America's communities, saving lives, and shaping futures.”

NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

Featured Organization – White House Communications Agency (WHCA)

Mission - WHCA provides assured global information services to the President, Vice President, and others as

directed, ensuring the White House is able to communicate with anyone, under any condition. Our Vision - Ready, Reliable and Resilient. History - WHCA is a one-of-a-kind joint service organization dedicated to providing premier information services and communications support to the president. WHCA operates in a fast-paced, dynamic environment requiring a team of dedicated, highly competent professionals — WHCA's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Guardians, Marines and Coast Guardsmen are the best of the best! WHCA directly supports the president, vice president, U.S. Secret Service and White House senior staff.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION/MASSING OF COLORS

The Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) and Chapter Companions successfully executed the 2024 Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) June 24-28 at CSU Pueblo. RMYLC.

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

Colorado Springs Police Department Crime Prevention Community Presentations

A significant aspect of Crime Prevention is reducing crime through community education. Each division crime prevention officer is able to provide training presentations on a variety of topics. These presentations can be given to community groups, businesses, and/or organizations looking to educate their members on crime prevention topics. The presentations currently available are:

- Active Shooter Training - Learn how to use the principles of Run, Hide, Fight to survive an active shooter event.
- Verbal De-escalation - Learn the tools to deescalate angry or upset individuals.
- Disaster preparedness - Learn how to prepare your family for a natural disaster.
- Graffiti Abatement - Learn how to prevent graffiti and the steps to have it removed.
- Internet Safety, ID Theft and Scam Prevention - Learn how to protect yourself and your identity from theft and scams.
- Safety and Security for Houses of Worship - Learn how to set up a security team and how to make your place of worship a hard target for criminal activity.

- Personal Safety - Learn where you may be vulnerable to criminal activity and steps you can take to avoid victimization.
- How to be a good witness - Learn how to be a good witness during criminal events and help law enforcement by providing needed information as soon as possible.
- Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED) - Learn how to make your home or business a hard target to reduce the risk of criminal activity and victimization.
- Avoiding Elder Fraud/Scams - Teaching elderly adults to spot and protect themselves from scams.

All presentations are approximately one hour in length and presented using the lecture method. No physical activity occurs during these presentations. All presentations require the use of Microsoft PowerPoint. If you would like a presentation on a topic that is not listed above, please reach out to your Crime Prevention Officer to discuss the presentation.

Want to schedule a presentation? Contact your division's crime prevention email by phone or by email! (See this [link](#) for additional information.)

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 ([link](#) 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. Col 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. Col Neal (Scout Committee Chair) will meet with SVC cadets during the September/October timeframe to develop plans for closer working relationship.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

PACT ACT

Law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. This law helps provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve. And starting March 5, 2024, the VA expanded health care to millions of Veterans—years earlier than called for by the PACT Act.

Eligibility for PACT ACT:

Service in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other combat zone after 9/11, or Deployment in support of the Global War on Terror, or

Exposure to toxins or other hazards during military service at home or abroad (Specific toxins and hazards include burn pits, sand and dust, particulates, oil well or sulfur fires, chemicals, radiation, warfare agents, depleted uranium, herbicides, and other occupational hazards.) See this [link](#) for additional information on the PACT ACT.

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

Please take an active role in recruiting potential Companions. Our recruiting goal for OY25 is to add three Companions to the Chapter.

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

AUGUST COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

14 Aug -- MAJ William A. Cross; 18 Aug -- MAJ Tisha K. Ellis; 21 Aug -- Col Robert H. Emmons; 21 Aug – Col Michael R. Helms; 22 Aug -- Ms. Margaret L. Clay; 24 Aug – COL Elmer J. Mason; 30 Aug -- Mrs. Linda C. Rowe

ANNIVERSARIES

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 25 National Hire A Veteran Day
- July 27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- July 28 National Buffalo Soldiers Day
- July 29 Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

Trivia

Military Chaplains

Military chaplains provide ministry and counseling to service members during both wartime and peacetime. Especially during wartime, the role of a chaplain is vital for offering encouragement and comfort to soldiers during uncertain times. There are only 9 chaplains to have earned the Medal of Honor for going above and beyond the call of duty. (See this [link](#) for more information on Chaplains awarded the Medal of Honor.)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

COMPANION AWARD(S)

- SG 3 Maximize Visibility and SG 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 to the Staff 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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CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN MONUMENT 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The City of Monument celebrated its annual 4th of July parade. Our Colorado Springs chapter was honored to participate in the Monument Parade. The parade continues to expand year to year. This year there were over three dozen floats, cars and marching units participating. People showed up early, got their seats ready, and waited to watch the small-town city parade. One Monument family mentioned this year they're thankful to be able to experience this wonderful holiday with their grandson. Adding that in the past they would bring their kids, and now being able to celebrate it with a new generation is what it's all about. The COS MOWW Leadership team, led by Chapter Commander Colonel Kerm Neal, USAF (Ret), joined the Rocky Mountain Department Commander, Colonel Steve Shambach, USA (Ret) and his wife Miriam, to honor America.

The MOWW parade participants consisted of 3 Colorado Military Historical Group (CMHG) vintage Army vehicles as well as 5 Living Historians and Reenactors from across the Front Range.

The vehicles used to transport the MOWW Companions included:

- World War II vintage 1942 Ford GPW "Jeep" (see this [link](#) for info on vehicle)
- World War II vintage 1941 Dodge WC-21 3/4 Ton Truck (see this [link](#) for info on vehicle)
- Vietnam War 1968 2-1/2 Ton "Deuce and a Half" Convoy Escort Gun Truck (see this [link](#) for info on vehicle)

Special thanks to LTC Nathan Watanabe, USA (Ret) from the CMHG and our own Lt Col Rich Peters, USAF (Ret) who arranged all the details for COS MOWW participation in the parade.



Staging Pictures



Convoy from Staging to Marshalling



Parade Pictures



(L to R) Colonel Shambach, Miriam Shambach, Lt Col Jim Borders, Joan Sgaggio, LTC Mike Berendt, Lt Col Ulysses Swift, and Colonel Kerm Neal. Three "Living Historians" from CMHG in truck bed.



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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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