

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII August 2024 Newsletter



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CHAPTER COMMANDER'S REMARKS (11 AUG 24)

Hello Companions!

Hoping you all had a great Summer! We are still buzzing from being in the Monument 4th of July parade! Many kudos to Companion Rich Peters for honchoing the effort, and to LTC (ret) Nate Watanabe for bringing in the Colorado Military History Group! 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! Seeking volunteers to help make this even better next year! Check out the July Newsletter for pictures and a write up on the event, which was fantastic!

In August we will resume our regular dinner schedule on Thursday, August 29th at 5pm at Patty Jewett with an update from the National Convention by Steve Shambach, and a presentation by Colorado Springs Fire Chief Randy Royal! Chief Royal is fantastic, and we look forward to hearing from him, and appreciate him taking time out of his schedule to speak to us.

Looking forward, we will have an update on the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference at our September dinner on Thursday September 26th, and our October meeting will be held on Tuesday Oct 1st at the Flying W Ranch as part of the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation fundraiser.

There are also two great service opportunities in September, one at the Ft Logan National Cemetery on September 18th and the other is the Eagles for Eagles Golf Tournament fundraiser at Colorado Springs Country Club on September 23rd, 2024 to support the Council's ScoutReach Program. Info on both of these opportunities, plus registration info for the RMYLF Fundraiser, will be in this newsletter.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege!

Stay safe!

V/R,

Kerm

It is nobler to serve than to be served

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **STAFF MEETING AUGUST 15**
 - Thursday, 1700
 - Location: Hill House
 - Virtual Mtg [Link](#)
- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 29 (change from July newsletter)**
 - Thursday, 1700
 - Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
 - RSVP: No later than noon on 26 August to [LTC Mike Berendt](#)
 - Virtual Mtg [Link](#)
- ✓ **9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY 1000 MEMORIAL PARK COMPANION RANDY HELMS LAYING WREATH REPRESENTING CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS**
- ✓ **RMYLC FUNDRAISER TUESDAY OCTOBER 1 AT FLYING W RANCH**
 - [Link](#) to Fundraiser "A Night at the Ranch" Tickets. RSVP closeout on 09-30-2024 @ 12 am MD



2025 RMYLF Celebration - Night at the Ranch

Check out 2025 RMYLF Celebration - Night at the Ranch by Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation, Inc.!

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*
- *Adjutant 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 July 1.

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$12,702.52
Savings:	\$102.89
Checking:	\$1,291.73
Reserved:	\$3,177.99
Total:	\$17,275.13

AUGUST 29 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please join us for the August meeting. We will have an exciting meeting including our guest speaker Fire Chief Randy Royal. Chief Royal has been a member of the Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD) since 1987 and has worked in emergency services for over 42 years (28 years as a paramedic). Chief Royal has served in a Chief Officer role for 16 years, as a Battalion Chief, Shift Commander and Deputy Chief. He graduated from Flagler College and has regularly attended the National Fire Academy receiving the Executive Fire Officer designation. He also has earned the Center of Public Safety Excellence’s designation as a Chief Fire Officer. Chief Royal has presented numerous classes in the state and region to include the Colorado State Chiefs Conference, Fire-Rescue International, and Missouri Valley Chiefs Conference.

During his career, he has been involved in many programs and projects to include the initiation of the Tactical Emergency Medical Program, worked in the early Hazmat and Tox-medic Programs, managed the Medical Division, helped develop the Awards and Recognition Program, chaired the department’s Rebranding Committee, and presently leads the Pandemic Taskforce. He has been recognized over his career with numerous awards to include two Medals of

Distinguished Service and the Firefighter of the Year award. He is proudest for being recognized as part of the department’s efforts with the Castle West Apartment fire, Waldo Canyon fire, and the Black Forest fire. Chief Royal will provide general information on CSFD.

Other meeting activities

- Induction of Officers with Denver Chapter Commander, Coy Ritchie presiding.
- National Convention Chapter Awards

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	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

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter Commander, Colonel Kermit Neal, USAF (Ret) had the honor of presenting the MOWW Lufbery Award to United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) Cadet Griffin T. Peter from Rochester, NY. The MOWW Lufbery Award is a National Level award that recognizes the Outstanding USAFA Cadet in a Western Language Minor. Cadet Peter won the award for his excellence in French language studies. He graduated on 31 May 2024 and will be pursuing a Master’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University while awaiting an assignment to pilot training. The Lufbery award is presented annually in memory of Major Gervais Raoul

Victor Lufbery (March 14, 1885 – May 19, 1918) who was a French and American fighter pilot and flying ace in World War I.

Because he served in both the French Air Force and later the United States Army Air Service in World War I, he is sometimes listed alternately as a French ace or as an American ace.

Officially, all but one of his 17 combat victories came while flying in French

units. The USAFA Department of Foreign Languages faculty determines the recipient on behalf of the Order.



Colonel Kermit Neal, USAF (Ret) presents the Lufbery award to USAFA Cadet Griffin Peter

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. The Chapter can expect CAR reporting changes resulting from the national convention. The Staff will align CAR changes with CAP ensuring synchronization with Chapter policies and procedures.

HISTORIAN ARTICLE

DIEN BIEN PHU; THE SIEGE OF KHE SANH AND OUTPOST KEATING

Dien Bien Phu, Khe Sanh and Outpost Keating were three different battles in three different conflicts where aerial resupply was relied upon for the survival of the garrison. Dien Bien Phu occurred during the First Indochina War (French vs Viet Minh), Second Indochina War (US vs North Vietnam/Viet Cong), and Outpost Keating (US vs Taliban). The Viet Minh defeated the French in battle from March 13 – May 7. Tactically the French base was at the bottom of a "rice bowl" where the Viet Minh controlled the surrounding high ground with artillery and anti-aircraft batteries¹. Dien Bien Phu was one of the few battles where the anti-aircraft weapons were depressed downward with great effect.

French aerial resupply eventually failed when the Viet Minh artillery destroyed the airfield and anti-aircraft fire took a toll on resupplying aircraft.

The Second Indochina War featured prominently the siege of the Marine base at Khe Sanh from Jan 21 – July 9. North Vietnamese surrounded the Marine base forcing the Marine garrison to rely on American cargo aircraft and helicopters to keep the base supplied. The siege of Khe Sanh took on added strategic importance with President Johnson not wanting a duplication of the fall of Dien Bien Phu². By the end of the battle, American air assets delivered 19,017 tons of supplies to Khe Sanh until a ground force broke the siege and established a secure road for resupply³. Eventually American forces would abandon the Khe Sanh base as no longer necessary.

A similar situation on a smaller scale evolved in Afghanistan with the siege of Combat Outpost (COP) Keating (aka The Battle of Kamdesh) on October 3,



Aerial View of COP Keating (note the surrounding high ground)

2009. A force of 300 Taliban assaulted COP Keating near the town of Kamdesh in Nuristan Province in eastern Afghanistan. The attack on COP Keating resulted in 8 Americans killed and 27 wounded while the Taliban suffered 150–200 killed⁴. Combined with difficult conditions for air supply, and little support from the local population, supply to Camp Keating on November 26, 2006, was wholly inadequate. As it became obvious that COP Keating was too isolated, indefensible, and impossible to supply. In this case COP Keating's location placed a severe strain on defending the OP. Surrounded by three mountains overlooking the OP made the OP difficult to defend or resupply. The constant attacks on the land logistics supply route and reliance on air support resulted in plans to close it beginning in December 2008⁵. Unfortunately, events

transpired on Oct 3 attack which almost resulted in the Taliban overrunning the outpost. But for the heroic actions of the defenders of COP Keating and the air support provided (F15E, B1B, A-10s, and AH-64s) the outpost could have fallen to the Taliban. In the aftermath of the battle COP Keating was evacuated on Oct 6 with a B1B laying wasted to what remained of COP Keating. (See this [link](#) for information on Battle of Camp Keating.)

NATIONAL PROGRAM -ARTICLE

HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)

United States Secret Service (USSS)

The USSS is a federal law



THE UNITED STATES
SECRET SERVICE

enforcement agency under the Department of Homeland Security with the purpose of conducting investigations into currency and financial-payment crime, and protecting U.S. political leaders, their families, and visiting heads of state or government.

The USSS has an integrated mission of protection and investigations to ensure the safety and security of our protectees, key locations, and events of national significance. We also protect the integrity of our currency and investigate crimes against the U.S. financial system committed by criminals around the world and in cyberspace.

Recent events resulted in scrutiny over their protectee mission. Threats to protectees constantly evolve and are exceedingly complex. Since our protective mission began in 1901, our protective work has expanded to not only include traditional physical protection, but also protection against threats from airspace, cyber systems and chemical and biological weapons.

Permanent protectees, such as the president and vice president, have special agents permanently assigned to them. Temporary protectees -- such as presidential and vice presidential candidates or nominees and foreign heads of state -- are staffed with special agents on temporary assignment from USSS field offices. Protection for the President and Vice President of the United States is mandatory. All other individuals entitled to protection may decline security if they choose.

(See this [link](#) for additional detailed information on the USSS.)

JROTC/ROTC

After a successful ROTC/JROTC Awards season, we are completing our After-Action report, verifying our Point of Contact lists, and replenishing our certificates and medals for next year. Check out the photos of this year's Awards Ceremonies on our webpage at COS-MOWW.org.

NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

Joint Communications Support Element (JCSE)

The Joint Communications Support Element (Airborne) (JCSE) is a United States Department of Defense (DoD) standing joint force headquarters expeditionary communications provider that can provide rapid deployable, enroute, early entry, and scalable command, control, communications, and computer (C4) support to the unified combatant commands, special operations commands, and other agencies as directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.] On order, the JCSE can provide additional C4 services within 72 hours to support larger combined joint task force headquarters across the full spectrum of operations. JCSE is part of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command (JECC), a subordinate command of the U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM).



Unit was activated in 1961 under US Strike Command for communications support during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Eventually US Readiness Command would replace US Strike Command as the administrative Combatant Command over JCSE. JCSE remained under operational control of the Joint Chiefs of Staff through Memorandum of Policy (MOP). Since its inception JCSE has participated in every major contingency operation, or conflict involving the United States. Their motto "The Voice Heard Around The World" is reflective of their mission.

JCSE's mission was to provide the "joint" communications interoperability required to support a Joint Task Force (JTF) Headquarters and Joint Specialized Operations Task Force (JSOTF) achieved by

having JCSE elements supporting both ends of the communications links from higher to lower command (i.e., JTF HQs to component Air Force HQ, Navy HQ, Army HQ, Special Operations Task Force). JCSE was the only DOD unit with this mission to support joint combatant and joint specified commands.

JCSE's mission has evolved since its inception in 1961. The unit is currently assigned to US Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) and a component of the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command U.S. Transportation Command.

Please see these links for additional information. USTRANSCOM [link](#) and Wikipedia JCSE [link](#).

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION/MASSING OF COLORS

Please see this [link](#) for video testimonials from recent graduates from the 2024 Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference.

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

Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD)
August membership meeting will feature CSFD Fire Chief Randy Royal.

SCOUTING

Kerm continues to work to re-energize USAFA Flight of Eagles that is in process of rebranding to Scout Venturing Crew. They meet on Wednesday nights at 1830 in Lecture Hall F2 at USAFA's Harmon Hall. Kerm working with USAFA POC to attend their Sep/Oct meeting timeframe. Recap for OY 23-24 the Chapter awarded six Girl Scout Gold Award certificates and fifteen BSA Eagle Scout certificates.

Upcoming Scouting fundraisers include the Eagle for Eagles Golf Tournament fundraiser at Colorado Springs Country Club on September 23rd, 2024. See this [link](#) for information on tournament and registration info.



Eagles for Eagles Golf Tourney - Pathway to the Rockies Council

The Pathway to the Rockies Council is hosting its annual Eagles for Eagles Golf Tourney at Colorado Springs Coun...

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS



The El Paso County VA Stand Down for 2024 scheduled for October 15 from 0900-1400 at Weidner Field, 111 W. Cimarron St. Volunteer organizations will provide services to homeless veterans and veterans in need. VA representatives will participate in the event to provide veteran services. The Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center is hosting the event (see [link](#) for event information).

COMPANION OUTREACH & INTEREST

COMPANION ARTICLES AND FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS/SALES

- Scouting Golf Fundraiser – Pathway to the Rockies Council 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](#) to more info on program).
- The Chapter continues to seek donations from Companions to allow the Chapter to continue supporting all the various outreach programs.

The Chapter was honored to participate in the July 4th Independence Day Parade in Monument, Colorado. 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 "float" consisted of three vintage Army vehicles provided by the Colorado Military Historical Group (CMHG) as well as 5 Living Historians and Reenactors from across the Front Range. The vehicles used to transport the MOWW Companions were: a World War II vintage 1942 Ford GPW "Jeep"; a 1941 Dodge WC-21 ¾ Ton Truck; and a 1968 2-1/2 Ton "Duce and a Half" Vietnam-era Convoy Escort Gun Truck. 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 Chapter participation in this year's parade. Please mark your calendars so you can participate in next year's parade.



(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.

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

SEPTEMBER COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

7 Sep -- LTC Francis E. Wynne; 13 Sep -- CPT George R. Gay; 16 Sep -- Mr. Lawrence W. Shinick; 18 Sep -- COL Michael Talbott; 24 Sep -- Mr. Curt G. Reus; 29 Sep -- COL Mark A. Ellis; 29 Sep -- Ms. Stephanie L. Johnson; 29 Sep -- COL Stephen A. Shambach; 30 Sep -- COL Edward C. Fisher

ANNIVERSARIES

- August 4 Coast Guard Birthday (1790)
 - August 7 Purple Heart Day (1782)
 - August 16 National Airborne Day (2002)
 - August 29 Marine Forces Reserve Birthday (1916)
- See this [link](#) for detailed information about each anniversary.

Trivia

National Airborne Day – August 16, 2024

National Airborne Day is recognized every year on August 16th. In 2002, President George W. Bush created the holiday commemorating the first official Army parachute jump on August 16, 1940. The history of airborne forces began after



Companion Rich Peters as jumpmaster on C-141 Starlifter performing door check prior to JCSE air drop.

World War I, when Brigadier General William Mitchell first conceived the idea of parachuting troops into combat. During World War II, airborne tactics were critical to the success of important missions including the D-Day invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. Airborne tactics remain a vital role in military combat missions today.

VOLUNTEERS

Upcoming volunteer opportunities at Fort Logan National Cemetery

- Event 1: 2024 Fort Logan National Cemetery Patriot Day - National Cemetery Day of Service event for Wednesday Sep 11. See this [link](#) to register.
- Event 2: Colorado Arborist and Lawn Care Professional Day of Service event on Wednesday Sep 18. See this [link](#) to register.

Please notify Adjutant if you attended event and take pictures for possible Officer Review article.

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.

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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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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