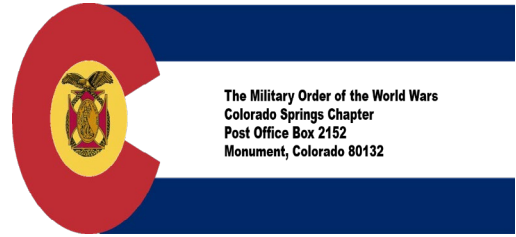


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Chapter 151 Region XIII October 2024 Newsletter



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COMMANDER'S REMARKS (17 Oct 2024)

Many thanks to those of you who could attend the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundations fundraiser at the Flying W Ranch on Oct 1st! What a fantastic event, with great food, fellowship, and music, but the best part was seeing the recent graduates/participants discuss what the conference meant to them. Very moving, and their enthusiasm and sense of patriotism give us all hope for our Nation's future! It is still not too late to donate to this outstanding program, at <https://www.rmylf.org/donate.html>.

For those who were able to make it to the September dinner, we were able to actually surprise Steve Shambach with an Outstanding Service Medal for all he's done for MOWW National, the Colorado Springs Chapter of MOWW, and the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference and Foundation. Steve is the epitome of a servant leader and lives the MOWW Motto of "It is nobler to serve than to be served".

We had several members attend the Colorado Springs Police Departments Medal of Valor Banquet at Broadmoor Hall, and the selfless giving of our first responders was on full display. Due to our first responders we are able to live our lives in relative safety, and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to all first responders for their heroism and bravery in their everyday actions.

More to come in November's newsletter on our November program, but as a teaser read the article in the July-August edition of Officer Review that reviews the book "U.S. Go Home: The U.S. Military in France 1945 to 1968". Dr. M. David Egan and his wife D. Jean Egan are Companions of our Chapter and are the authors of the book that was reviewed. They will be presenting on their book at our November meeting and have also worked as advocates for Vietnam veterans. We look forward to their presentation!

More importantly in November, we honor all Veterans-on-Veterans Day. Keep them all in your

thoughts and prayers, and give thanks for all they have done for all of us.

A quick reminder also that when we meet in November, we will be transitioning to Saturday meetings! Next Companion luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 16th.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege!

Stay safe and watch out for goblins!

V/R,

Kerm

It is nobler to serve than to be served

COMING EVENTS (October & Later)

- ✓ **STAFF MEETING (7 November 2024)**
- ✓ **VETERANS DAY "IN THEIR HONOR" PARADE NOVEMBER 9**
 - Saturday, 1100
 - [Link](#) to Parade information.
 - Companions needed to ride in vintage WWII vehicles. Contact Rich Peters.
- ✓ **VETERANS DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES AT MEMORIAL PARK NOVEMBER 9**
 - Saturday, 1100
- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 16**
 - Saturday, 1100
 - Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
 - RSVP: No later than noon on 12 November to [LTC Mike Berendt](#)
 - Virtual Mtg Link



OCTOBER COMPANION INFORMATION

The Chapter Staff has registered to participate in the Colorado Springs 2024 Veteran's Day Parade on November 9, 2024. Please contact [Rich Peters](#) if interested in riding in two WWII vintage vehicles a jeep and 3/4 Ton truck. Please see Chapter's August newsletter and Sep/Oct Officer Review for pictures on vehicles volunteer Companions will ride.

STAFF MEETING (12 SEP)

Staff working on OY24-25 Chapter Action Plan. Soliciting inputs from Companions on initiatives. Please contact [staff member](#) with any inputs.

TREASURER'S REPORT INFORMATION

The following tables depict the Chapter's financial status as of Sept 1.

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$12,853.65
Savings:	\$102.89
Checking:	\$1,803.60
Reserved:	\$3,127.34
Total:	\$17,887.48

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Chapter was honored to present the MOWW First Place Certificate and Ribbon for Patriotic Education to our Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) during our 26 September Companion Meeting. Colonel RF Smith, USAF (Ret), President of the Foundation and Lt Col Anja Wynne, USAF (Ret), Youth Leadership Conference Director, accepted the award and provided an update on the Foundation and Conference. In addition, we were impressed with

presentations from one of this year's students, Giselle Gaulke and a former student/now counselor, Heather Garcia. Their eloquence,



(L-R) Colonels RF Smith and Kerm Neal with RMYLC participants Giselle Gaulke and Heather Garcia

inquisitiveness, intelligence, self-appraisal, and praise for the Conference and senior staff from MOWW are a tribute to their development as future leaders and the success of the Conference in preparing the next generation for Service. With 32+ years and over 2,200 student graduates, the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation and Conference continue to train, mentor, and inspire our emerging Colorado High School Seniors by Building Informed Citizen Leaders prepared to Serve rather than to be Served!

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING (1 OCT)

Patriotic Education

The Chapter's October meeting was held in conjunction with the RMYLF Annual Fundraiser at the Flying W Ranch. This was a successful event raising funds for next year's RMYLC



NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING (16 NOV)

National Security

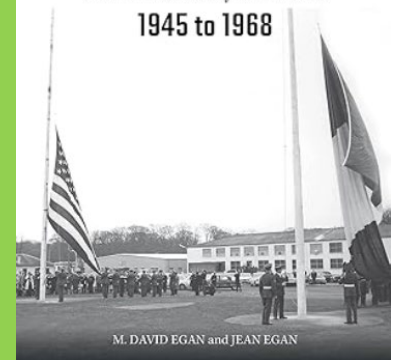
Please join us for November's membership meeting with guest speaker Dave Egan (CPT, USA, Fmr) who will speak on the US Military in France. Dave and wife Jean who authored U.S. Go Home: The U.S. Military in France, 1945-1968. This book built on research in 50 international archives and more than 400 interviews. It is the definitive work on the postwar American military deployment to France and contains authoritative text along with original, professionally made maps, diagrams, and illustrations. His book on the history of the US military in France was reviewed in the July/August Officer Review.

M. David Egan, graduate of Lafayette College and MIT, is Distinguished Professor of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, as well as professor emeritus at Clemson University, and holds the doctor

of laws degree (Honoris Causa). His seven architectural books are available in eight languages. From 1962 to 1964, he served with the US Army in France, where he commanded the 39th Ordnance Co. at Trois-Fontaines (Marne). He is a member of the Society for Military History (SMH) and the Cercle National des Armées, Paris, France. D. Jean Egan, graduate of Louisiana State

U.S. GO HOME

The U.S. Military in France,
1945 to 1968



University, is an independent scholar. She edited five technical books for architects and engineers, published by McGraw-Hill and Wiley-Interscience. She is a member of MIT's Katharine Dexter McCormick Society, the Society for Military History (SMH), and the Council on America's Military Past (CAMP).

David and Jean have also worked with the Hoover Institute with respect to Veteran support. He is a Companion who moved here from South Carolina and was at the August meeting.

CHAPTER ACTION PLAN (CAP)

Strategic Goal (SG) Current	Initiatives
SG1 Outreach – Consistent impactful outreach programs and activities.	Support Region XIII hosting of national MOWW convention in Tucson, AZ. Please contact Rich Peters if interested in participating in convention support. Contact Rich Peters if you have any suggestions on meeting SG-1. In Progress.
SG2 Strategic Partnerships -	Engage with other veteran organizations to establish strategic partnerships. Contact Kerm Neal with any suggestions on meeting SG-2. In Progress.
SG3 Maximize Visibility	Chapter participation in Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Memorial Park on 9 Nov. Contact Rich Peters if interested in participating in Memorial Day activities NLT 26 Sep.
SG4 Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership.	Chapter recruiting goal is three Companions. Please contact Jim Borders if you have any prospective candidates.
SG5 Obtain financial resources to fulfill Order's mission.	Regular solicitation of donations from Chapter Companions. Contact Mike Berendt if you have any questions concerning donations.
SG6 Increase number of chapters and strengthen existing chapters.	Please contact Rich Peters if you would like to volunteer your skills in recruiting, social media, branding or suggestions on strengthening Chapter.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL NEWS

Commander's intent is a concise description of an operation's purpose and the desired outcome, which helps guide the actions of subordinate commanders and soldiers.

The CINCs "Commander's Intent" centered on the following principles:

The Preamble needs to be central in every Companion's effort: we need to know it, embrace it, articulate it, and promote it

Order's Financial Health requires thorough financial review to establish sustainable future without deficit spending.

MOWW 2023-2028 Strategic Plan outlines the Order's short and long-term goals and associated objectives. "Every component at every level of the Order is expected to make these goals the focus of its core agenda."

Patriotic Education program sets us apart from all other VSOs and is our flagship community outreach program beyond Youth Leadership Conferences and Seminars as vehicles to recognize recognizing top ROTC/JROTC cadets, and those who have excelled in Scouting.

America250 is a national, nonpartisan initiative working to engage every American in commemorating the 250th anniversary of our country. Chapters will engage at local, regional and national initiatives to celebrate our Country.

REGION XIII NEWS

Regional Commander Marlon Ruiz scheduling quarterly Chapter Commander's meeting 16-19 January 2025 in Tucson, AZ at the site of the 2025 MOWW Convention. The convention is scheduled for 5-9 August at the Desert Diamond Casino and Hotel (link to hotel website). The region's Chapters will work together hosting the annual convention. This is an "All Hands-on Deck" region effort. Please contact anyone on staff if you would want to volunteer on convention planning and execution. Chapter Staff planning "road trip" in synchronization with January Region XIII Commander's meeting.

MEDICAL ARTICLE

IMPORTANCE OF "CONNECTIONS GROUP"

A majority of our Companions fall into the category of senior citizens. This article emphasizes the need for senior Companions to "connect" with their fellow Companions, neighbors, and other groups of people to combat loneliness, stay engaged, and

continue to use your mental and physical capabilities.

From the Centers for Disease Control social connection is the size and diversity of one's social network and roles, the functions these relationships serve, and their positive or negative qualities.

Social connectedness reflects the continuum of meeting social connection needs. It is the degree to which you have the number, quality, and variety of relationships that you want. It is when you feel like you belong and have the support and care that you need.

Key Points

- Staying connected to others creates feelings of belonging and being loved, cared for, and valued.
- Social connections are important to our mental and physical health.
- Being connected to others helps protect against serious illness and disease.
- People with stronger social bonds are more likely to live longer, healthier lives.

See this [link](#) for other information and contact [Rich Peters](#) if you want to participate in a MOWW Connections group.

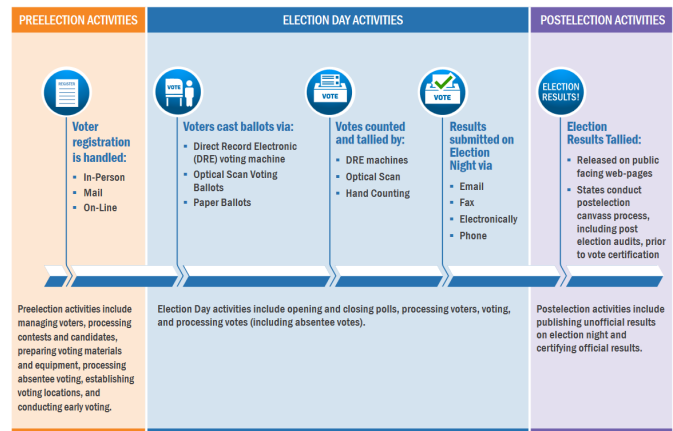
Special thanks to Tisha Ellis, MAJ, USAR (former guest speaker, new Companion, etc.) for volunteering to serve as the Chapter's Surgeon General and welcome her future contributions to the newsletter.

NATIONAL PROGRAM – ARTICLE HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)

Department of Homeland Security Information on Election Security

Elections play a vital role in a free and fair society and are a cornerstone of American democracy.

DHS recognize the fundamental link between the trust in election infrastructure and the confidence the American public places in basic democratic function. A secure and resilient electoral process is a vital national interest and one of our highest priorities at the Department of Homeland Security. DHS is committed to working collaboratively with those on the front lines of elections – state and local government, election officials, federal partners and the vendor community – to manage risks to election infrastructure. DHS will remain transparent as well as agile to combat and secure our physical and cyber infrastructure against new and evolving threats.



See this [link](#) for information on Election Security

NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

DOD Will Provide Homeland With Support During Presidential Campaigns

The Defense Department has approved a request by the Department of Homeland Security to provide assistance to the Secret Service for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates during the 2024 campaigns through Inauguration Day 2025

The secretary of defense approved the request and directed the commander of U.S. Northern Command to plan and provide and execute increased support to the United States Secret Service at various locations across the United States during the 2024 election campaigns.

The department has a long history of providing support to the Secret Service when asked to assist. The Department of Defense has supported Secret Service protective activities for the sitting president and vice president since Congress passed the Presidential Protection Assistance Act of 1976. The U.S. Secret Service relies on federal, state and local partners to assist with protective operations.

See this [link](#) for additional information on DoD efforts supporting Presidential Campaigns and Election Security and this [link](#) for information on previous Election Security efforts.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION/MASSING OF COLORS (MOC)

The Massing of the Colors is a ceremony that honors the United States flag and those who have served the country. It's often held by veteran organizations and color guards, and can include marching, music, and remarks. The purpose of the event is to celebrate patriotism, recognize the flag as a symbol of the nation, and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

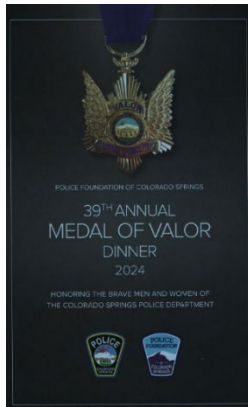
The Chapter is planning a MOC event for OY25. Please contact [John Hannan \(CPT, USA, Fmr\)](#) if interested in serving on MOC planning committee.



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

Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) Annual Medal of Valor Dinner Wednesday, Oct 2. Our local Chapter sponsored a table for the dinner to honor police officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

The Police Foundation of Colorado Springs organizes the annual Medal of Valor dinner every year, to mark the bravery and sacrifice of law enforcement officers who kept true to their vow to protect and serve. At the 39th annual event on Wednesday, 33 local officers received 36 medals for their work in the community.



SCOUTING

Outreach to Girl Scout Award Ceremony point of contact (POC) continues. Need to follow up for OY 24-25 award presentations.

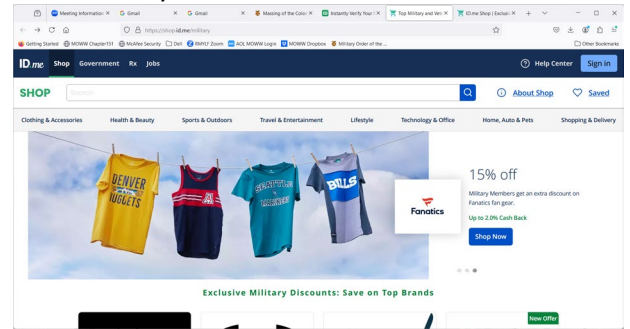
Boy Scouts. Col Neal continues working to re-energize Eagle Scouts in the "Scout Venturing Crew." Col Neal working with POC Ric Trimillos to coordinate meeting scouts this month. Three Eagle Scouts from a local troop are eligible for presentation. Col Neal will contact Scoutmaster to coordinate date for presentation. Two Eagle certificates and patches presented to two new Eagles from Troop 194.

Rich Peters continues to engage with USAF Civil Air Patrol unit to integrate with MOWW Awards program.

VETERAN AFFAIRS – BENEFITS OF "ID.ME"

Last month's newsletter addressed Veterans Administration (VA.gov) website login transition. Using ID.me provides veterans with a mechanism to verify their veteran status to take advantage of discounts only available to veterans. ID.me is a non-government account provider that contracts with government and non-government organizations. ID.me meet modern security

standards protecting your data so only you can access and change your stored information. ID.me let you use a single, secure account to access your VA benefits and services. Finding military discounts has never been easier. Visit ID.me Shop to browse top brands and discover the most popular deals. You can apply military discounts to your purchase at any website with a 'Verify with ID.me' button.



See this [link](#) for access to military discounts accessed using ID.me.

The El Paso County VA Stand Down for 2024 was held on October 15 from 0900-1400 at Weidner Field, 111 W. Cimarron St. Volunteer organizations provided services to homeless veterans and veterans in need in preparation for the coming winter. VA representatives supported the event enabling homeless veterans to access available VA services. The Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center hosted the event (see [link](#) for event information).

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

- The CINC initiative campaign is underway. Please consider contributing to support the CINC'S priority programs.
- The Chapter continues to seek donations from Companions to allow the Chapter to continue supporting all the various outreach programs.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Companions consider volunteering for the following Chapter vacancies for OY25:

- Historian
- National Security Chair or Committee member
- Veterans Affairs Chair
- Public Safety/L&O Committee member



Welcome to **Mark A. Ellis (COL, USAR, Ret)** who volunteered to serve as the Chapter's Judge Advocate General.

RECRUITING

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

OCTOBER COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

5 Oct – Col John J. Abbatiello; 6 Oct – COL Lee A. Van Arsdale; 20 Oct – Mr. Robert David Bythewood; 22 Oct – CPT John F. Hannan; 26 Oct – LTC Victor M. Tise; 30 Oct – Capt Ronald G. Maw

NOVEMBER COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

1 Nov – COL Michael E. Boatner; 5 Nov - LTC John C. Russell; 17 Nov - MAJ Roosevelt Hines, Jr.; 21 Nov - Col Richard H. Rima

ANNIVERSARIES

- Panama Canal Zone formally handed over to Panama after 70 years of American control (October 1, 1979).
 - East and West Germany reunited after 45 years of Soviet control as the Federal Republic of Germany (October 3, 1990).
 - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships (October 13, 1775).
 - Navy Day (October 27, 1922)
 - General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, fulfilling his promise, "I shall return (October 20, 1944).
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TRIVIA

United States Navy League established Navy Day to honor the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, who was a strong supporter of the Navy.

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) for eligibility criteria and nominate deserving Companions and non-Companions for the appropriate award. Your active participation will support the Chapter in accomplishing this strategic goal.

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW was honored to present the MOWW Outstanding Service Medal to Colonel Steve Shambach, USA (Ret) at our 26 September Companion Meeting. For over a decade, Colonel Shambach has been a driving force for the COS Chapter serving multiple terms as the Chapter Commander, leading the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference as Director, and currently serving as MOWW Rocky Mountain Department Commander.

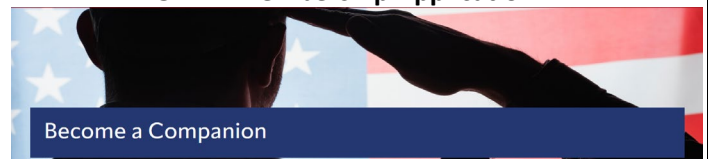
Chapter Commander, Colonel Kerm Neal, USAF (Ret) surprised him with this award to recognize his past and current role in revitalizing and re-energizing the COS Chapter. Commander Neal also pointed out that



(L-R) Col Shambach receives award from Col Neal.

the most lasting tribute to his dedication and service to the Chapter has been his recruiting efforts. Colonel Shambach personally recruited all of the COS Chapter Officers and almost all of the Companions present at the meeting, a lasting tribute to his persuasiveness and his motivational skills. Colonel Steve Shambach daily lives the MOWW credo, It is Nobler to Serve than to be Served!

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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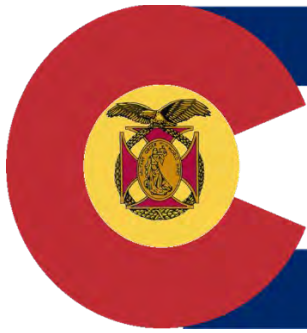
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[Link to MOWW Preamble](#)

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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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