

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII DECEMBER 2025 Newsletter



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COMMANDER'S REMARKS (DECEMBER 2025)

Greetings Companions!!

I hope you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful for! November was a month to honor you Veterans! The month culminated in our MOWW Luncheon featuring Capt (USN, Ret) Mike McGrath who spoke about his POW experiences in Viet Nam and educated us on the Stolen Valor issue with many claiming to be POWs who are not. We also inducted new member, Kirk Brown, who was also installed as our Chapter Adjutant! We were particularly fortunate to have our largest turnout for an MOWW membership gathering since I can remember, almost 60+ attendees. We were fortunate to have a number of Falcon Aero Lab students and parents attend as well. November was also the month where MOWW offered discounts for Regular and Perpetual membership, so we will see if that incentive resulted in any additional membership for our Chapter.

We will not be meeting in December as that is busy time with families and Christmas Hannukah and New Years preparation activities. I hope you will be able to gather with family and friends!

Note that the Denver MOWW Chapter will be holding a membership meeting on Saturday, 20th of December at 1130 at the Black-Eyed Pea, 5180 South Broadway, Englewood, CO. The speaker will be the Denver Chair of the Denver Veteran's

Council. If you are able to attend, please contact Coy Ritchie, Denver Chapter Commander at: coyritchie@aol.com.

Our New Year 2026 will kick off with our monthly luncheon on Saturday, 24th of January at 1100 at Patty Jewett Golf Course. This is the month we are honoring ROTC and JROTC programs. Our guest speaker will be (Franklin) Joey Hinson, Jr., Colonel (Ret), USAF, the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at Mitchell High School. Mitchell HS has provided students every year to our Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference. Plan to attend this event to learn about what is going on with JROTC.

I am excited about the year ahead and request you consider how you can contribute your efforts for the good of the order, and to enact the motto "It is nobler to serve than to be served"! Also, a reminder for you to consider contributing financially to our chapter with yearend giving. You can find a pledge form on the link at our website: cos-moww-pledge.pdf.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege of being your commander and thank you all for your service!

Steve

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STAFF MEETING (17 NOVEMBER)

TREASURER'S REPORT INFORMATION

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

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$13,582.31
Savings:	\$104.61
Checking:	\$3,752.45
Reserved:	\$1,860.29
Total:	\$19,299.56

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next MOWW dinner meeting is on Saturday, 24 January 2026. Col (USAF, Ret) Joey Hinson, JROTC PMS at Mitchell High School will be our guest speaker.

Reservations required. RSVP to LTC Berendt, berendt478@aol.com, (410) 908-6777 NLT 19 Jan.

CHAPTER ACTION PLAN (CAP)

Strategic Goal (SG) Current	Initiative
SG1 Outreach – Consistent impactful outreach programs and activities.	Contact any Staff member if you have any suggestions on meeting SG-1.
SG2 Strategic Partnerships -	Engage with other veteran organizations to establish strategic partnerships. Contact Steve Shambach with any suggestions on meeting SG-2. In Progress.
SG3 Maximize Visibility	Chapter committed to participate in Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade. Contact Staff if you have any suggestions for how Chapter can meet this objective.
SG4 Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership.	Chapter recruiting goal for OY25-26 is three Companions. Please contact Mark Ellis 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 or other opportunities for Chapter fundraiser.
SG6 Increase number of chapters and strengthen existing chapters.	Contact anyone on Staff if you would like to volunteer your skills or suggestions for meeting this SG (i.e., strengthen recruiting, Chapter social media presence, Chapter branding, etc.

ROTC/JROTC

School is back in session for most of our local high schools and our Department Commanders are reorganizing their ROTC/JROTC units with new cadet leadership and members. We are updating our contact information to reflect changes in Military leadership and phone numbers in preparation for spring award ceremonies. With the recent changes to MOWW Membership policies, we are also encouraging our retired Non-Commissioned officers to join our Colorado Springs MOWW chapter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Companions consider volunteering for the following Chapter vacancies for OY25-26:

- Historian
- Marshall
- Chaplain
- Surgeon General
- Public Relations Officer
- National Security Chair
- Veterans Affairs Chair

DECEMBER COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

SFC Keith McKim; Col Kermit Neal; MAJ Raymond Schmahl; BG Anthony Trifiletti; LTC Warren Wieland; Ms. Lisa Wieland; Lt Col Simon Willis

JANUARY COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

LT Robert D. Bythewood, USN (Ret); LTC William G. Chadick, USA (Ret); MAJ William A. Cross, USA; Maj Leroy H. Pedone, USAF (Ret); Lt Col Richard D. Peters, USAF (Ret); MAJ Raymond G. Schmahl, USA (Ret); 2nd Lt Isabel M. Taylor, USAF;

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.

[Link to MOWW Preamble](#)

Chapter Website: www.cos_moww.org



MOWW Membership Application