

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII JANUARY 2026 Newsletter



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COMMANDER'S REMARKS (JANUARY 2026)

Greetings Companions!!

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Years holiday time! We have so much to be thankful for!

We did not meet in December as that was a busy time with families and Christmas Hannukah and New Years preparation activities. I hope you were be able to gather with family and friends!

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 start off the New Year by attending this event to learn about what is going on with JROTC. I sent an invitation out on the 6th of January, so please RSVP as soon as possible. As always, please consider inviting others to join you at the luncheon!

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 which relies on contributions to sustain our efforts. You can find

a pledge form on the link at our website: cos-moww-pledge.pdf.

Another reminder is that we are always looking for new members! Our goal this year from National is six new members, of which we have only enrolled two. Remember also that membership is now open to all ranks! Please consider who you can invite to attend meetings and join our worthwhile organization! Here is the link to the membership application on our website: moww-membership.pdf

Finally, we are looking for ways our Chapter can better serve you, our members. Please let us know your ideas for how to improve our service for you and our community.

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

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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:	\$104.51
Checking:	\$3,752.45
Reserved:	\$1,860.29
Total:	\$19,299.56

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.

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.

ROTC/JROTC

Our ROTC/JROTC Department Heads are finishing up the first semester studies and preparing for second semester. Some have already provided a tentative date for their End-of-the-Year awards ceremonies. We have a number of volunteers who attend each ceremony and provide a MOWW Award of Merit to a deserving student chosen by the Senior Instructor. However, we have a critical need for coverage of our 7 Pueblo high schools since most members live in Colorado Springs and Monument. If you would be willing to travel to one or more of these ceremonies, please contact Mike Berendt @ 410-908-6777. It is a very rewarding experience to witness our emerging, young leaders as they are recognized for their accomplishments within their school's leadership training program

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

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;

FEBRUARY COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

1LT Andrew D. Alexander, USA (Fmr); Lt Col Robert D. Becerra, USAF (Ret); Mr. Jonathan W. Cole; Capt Douglas S. Katein-Taylor, USAF; Maj Timothy J. Matson, USAF; 2nd Lt Isabel M. Taylor, USAF; MSgt LeRoy A. Trusty, USAF (Ret);

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

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>