

Colorado Springs Chapter, CO Article for Officer Review Magazine

TITLE: Chapter Dinner: Installation of Officers and Chapter Awards

The Colorado Springs, Colorado Chapter of MOWW held its monthly membership meeting on 27 July 2021. The highlight of the session was the Installation of Officers for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. We were pleased to welcome LCDR Coy Ritchie (US Navy, retired), the Denver Chapter MOWW Commander, and his wife Pat to this event. LCDR Ritchie presided over the Installation ceremony, thanking the volunteers for stepping forward and encouraging them to live the MOWW credo: *It is better to serve than to be served*. The slate of Officer includes:



Commander: Col (Army, ret) Steve Shambach

Senior Vice Commander: Lt Col (AF, ret) Rich Peters

Junior Vice Commander: Lt Col (AF, ret) Kerm Neal

Adjutant: Lt Col (AF, ret) Ulysses Swift

Treasurer: Col (AF, ret) Jim Taylor

Asst Adjutant/Treasurer: Lt Col (Army, ret) Mike Berendt

In addition, Col (AF, ret) Jim Taylor was presented with a rare MOWW National Citation, signed by the current MOWW CINC, honoring his service to our Chapter and MOWW. Col Taylor has served as a Past Commander and Treasurer throughout his two decades of MOWW membership. The final award of the night was the coveted Region XIII Silver Patrick Henry award presented by Gen (Army, ret) Tony Trifiletti to our longtime Chapter President Col Steve Shambach. Col Shambach praised the efforts of several key chapter members and humbly indicated that this award is ultimately a recognition of the achievements of our chapter.



Colonel Taylor receives MOWW Citation



Colonel Shambach receives Patrick Henry Award

The meeting concluded with a discussion of this year's Chapter Action Plan featuring the Chapter goals and highlighting areas where each member can contribute for the good of the Order.