

## **Colorado Springs Chapter, CO Article for Officer Review Magazine**

### **TITLE: Chapter Luncheon: Insights into Colorado Springs City Government**

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW held its monthly membership meeting on 19 March 2022. The Chapter was pleased to welcome one of our Companions, Colonel (USAF, ret) Randy Helms, who is currently serving as the Colorado Springs District 2 Councilman. Councilman Helms presented a briefing on the structure and responsibilities of the City of Colorado Springs government and provided insights regarding the organization and processes of the City Council. He also briefly discussed the ongoing issues and activities the Council is addressing as well as the city business the Council is currently considering. There were a number of questions from the audience and he provided excellent answers to update us on the status of local issues.

Colonel Randy Helms is a 1979 US Air Force Academy (USAFA) graduate and serves as the President of the USAFA Association of Graduates (AOG) Class Advisory Senate (CAS). As CAS President, he also serves on the AOG Board of Directors. He was elected to the Colorado Springs City Council in April 2021 and is serving a four-year term representing District 2. He was recently elected by his fellow Council Members to serve as the City Council President Pro-Tem.



Councilman Randy Helms

We were particularly pleased to have recently retired Colorado Springs Police Department Chief Vince Niski in attendance. Chief Niski was presented the MOWW Merit Award for Outstanding Service for over 30 years of service to the City of Colorado Springs. In addition, we presented a MOWW Award of Appreciation to Sally Doyle and the Patty Jewett Golf Course Events staff for their outstanding support of our COS MOWW events for many years.



Award Presentation to Sally Doyle and Chris by Rich Peters and Randy Helms



Award Presentation to Chief Vince Niski by George Reed and Randy Helms