

Colorado Springs, CO Chapter Article for Officer Review Magazine

TITLE: COS MOWW Outreach to Young Marines

As part of our Outreach Program, the Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW, invited representatives from the Young Marines to our April 2024 Membership Meeting. During the program, COS Chapter Commander Colonel Kerm Neal (USAF, Ret) presented the Bronze Patrick Henry Award to Young Marine Sergeant Major Jackson Waters for his leadership skills and exceptional service to our Nation. Sgt Maj Waters was recently named the Young Marine of the Year for Division 4, a title that he has won twice, on his way to competing for Young Marine of the Year. He has amassed an impressive public service record including a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Award for his work in reducing drug demand as well as over 900 volunteer hours, mainly with Toys for Tots. We were honored to have Jackson attend our meeting and he was accompanied by a contingent of adult volunteers from the Young Marines organization including: Jackson's father, Marine Corps veteran Trent Waters; Ms. Valerie Bowman, who has had a family member serve our Nation in uniform for every generation since 1776; and Ms. Connie Pitt, who was named as the Division 4 Adult Young Marine Volunteer of the Year and whose father was a Navajo Code Talker in WWII. Thanks to COS MOWW Companion Lt Col Bob Sommers (USMC, ret), our Young Marine liaison officer, who orchestrated this outreach effort and recognition ceremony.



Left to Right: Valerie Bowman, Connie Pitt, Lt Col Bob Sommers, Young Marine Sgt Maj Jackson Waters, and Trent Waters