

Colorado Springs Chapter, CO Article for Officer Review Magazine

TITLE: 2024 MOWW Lufbery Award

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter Commander, Colonel Kermit Neal, USAF (Ret) had the honor of presenting the MOWW Lufbery Award to United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) Cadet Griffin T. Peter from Rochester, NY. The MOWW Lufbery Award is a National Level award that recognizes the Outstanding USAFA Cadet in a Western Language Minor. Cadet Peter won the award for his excellence in French language studies. He graduated on 30 May 2024 and will be pursuing a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University while awaiting an assignment to pilot training. The Lufbery award is presented annually in memory of Major Gervais Raoul Victor Lufbery (March 14, 1885 – May 19, 1918) who was a French and American fighter pilot and flying ace in World War I. Because he served in both the French Air Force and later the United States Army Air Service in World War I, he is sometimes listed alternately as a French ace or as an American ace. Officially, all but one of his 17 combat victories came while flying in French units. The USAFA Department of Foreign Languages faculty determines the recipient on behalf of the Order.



COS Chapter Commander Colonel Kermit Neal, USAF (Ret) presents the Lufbery award to Cadet Griffin Peter at USAFA