

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

### TITLE: COS MOWW Participates in Independence Day Parade

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW was honored to participate in the July 4th Independence Day Parade in Monument, Colorado. The COS MOWW Leadership team, led by Chapter Commander Colonel Kerm Neal, USAF (Ret), joined the Rocky Mountain Department Commander, Colonel Steve Shambach, USA (Ret) and his wife Miriam, to honor America. The MOWW “float” consisted of three vintage Army vehicles provided by the Colorado Military Historical Group (CMHG) as well as 5 Living Historians and Reenactors from across the Front Range. The vehicles use to transport the MOWW Companions were: a World War II vintage 1942 Ford GPW “Jeep”; a 1941 Dodge WC-21 ¾ Ton Truck; and a 1968 2-1/2 Ton “Deuce and a Half” Vietnam-era Convoy Escort Gun Truck. Special thanks to LTC Nathan Watanabe, USA (Ret) from the CMHG and our own Lt Col Rich Peters, USAF (Ret) who arranged all the details for COS MOWW participation in the parade.



(L to R) Colonel Shambach, Miriam Shambach, Lt Col Jim Borders, Joan Sgaggio, LTC Mike Berendt, Lt Col Ulysses Swift, and Colonel Kerm Neal. Three “Living Historians” from CMHG in truck bed.