

Colorado Springs Chapter, CO Article for Officer Review Magazine

TITLE: COS MOWW Highlights our Commitment to Scouting

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW was honored to welcome the Rocky Mountain Division Commander and our Scouting Coordinator, Colonel Kerm Neal, at our monthly Companions Luncheon on Saturday, 21 March 2026. Kerm provided a report on the Chapter's preparation of MOWW Eagle Scout Awards to be presented at the upcoming Pathway to the Rockies Council Recognition Ceremony on 21 April. Additionally, he updated Companions on the changes to the Memorandum of Agreement between Scouting America and the Department of War. Specifically,

- Scouting America National office is waiving registration fees for children of active-duty, Guard and Reserve families effective June 1, 2026.
- Scouting America is introducing a new "Military Service" merit badge.
- The DEI committee at the national level will be dissolved into the "People and Culture" committee. This committee will deal with all things related to outreach.
- Citizenship in Society Merit Badge has been discontinued.

He emphasized that the relationship between Scouting America and the Department of War is important to both parties and the military families they serve. Tens of thousands of Scouts participate in scouting units that meet on or near military installations throughout the world and this partnership provides the opportunity to continue serving the military families who depend on Scouting America to mentor and nurture their children. We thank Colonel Kerm Neal for his continued leadership as our MOWW Scouting Chair as well as his leadership in the Pathways to the Rockies Scouting Council.



COL Steve Shambach, COS MOWW Commander, provides a MOWW Certificate to Col Kerm Neal, Past COS Commander