

Colorado Springs Chapter, CO Article for Officer Review Magazine

TITLE: Colorado Springs Chapter presents 2026 ROTC/JROTC Awards of Merit

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW was honored to provide MOWW ROTC/JROTC Award of Merit Medals, Ribbons, and Certificates to 21 outstanding cadets throughout the Pikes Peak region. Eight COS MOWW Companions recognized 3 outstanding ROTC (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS)) and 18 JROTC high school students at 18 Awards Ceremonies in Colorado Springs, Fountain, Pueblo, Widefield, and Canon City.



Lt Colonel Kirk Brown presents JROTC Award of Merit to Cadet Keiran Murphy at Air Academy HS, US Air Force Academy, CO



Lt Colonel Ulysses Swift presents MOWW JROTC award to Cadet Cheyenne Gable from Vista Ridge HS, Colorado Springs, CO

The incredible value of our ROTC/JROTC programs in training, mentoring, teaching citizenship, and molding the next generation of leaders for our nation cannot be overstated! As MOWW members, we provide the support and encouragement to dedicated retirees from our Armed Services that have stepped up and volunteered to continue to mentor and teach our nation's high school and college students to be better leaders, citizens, and hopefully, take our place in military service to the nation. Our COS MOWW presenters were impressed with the quality and standards of the cadets we saw at these events and are proud to report that our nation will be in good hands for years to come.



Colonel Steve Shambach presents MOWW JROTC award to Cadet Essence Hicks at Pueblo East HS, Pueblo, CO



CPT John Hannan presents MOWW JROTC Medal to Cadet Harlen Ashley at Widefield HS, Widefield, CO



Lt Colonel Paul Willey presents MOWW JROTC Medal to Cadet Eliana Burrs from Sand Creek HS, Colorado Springs, CO