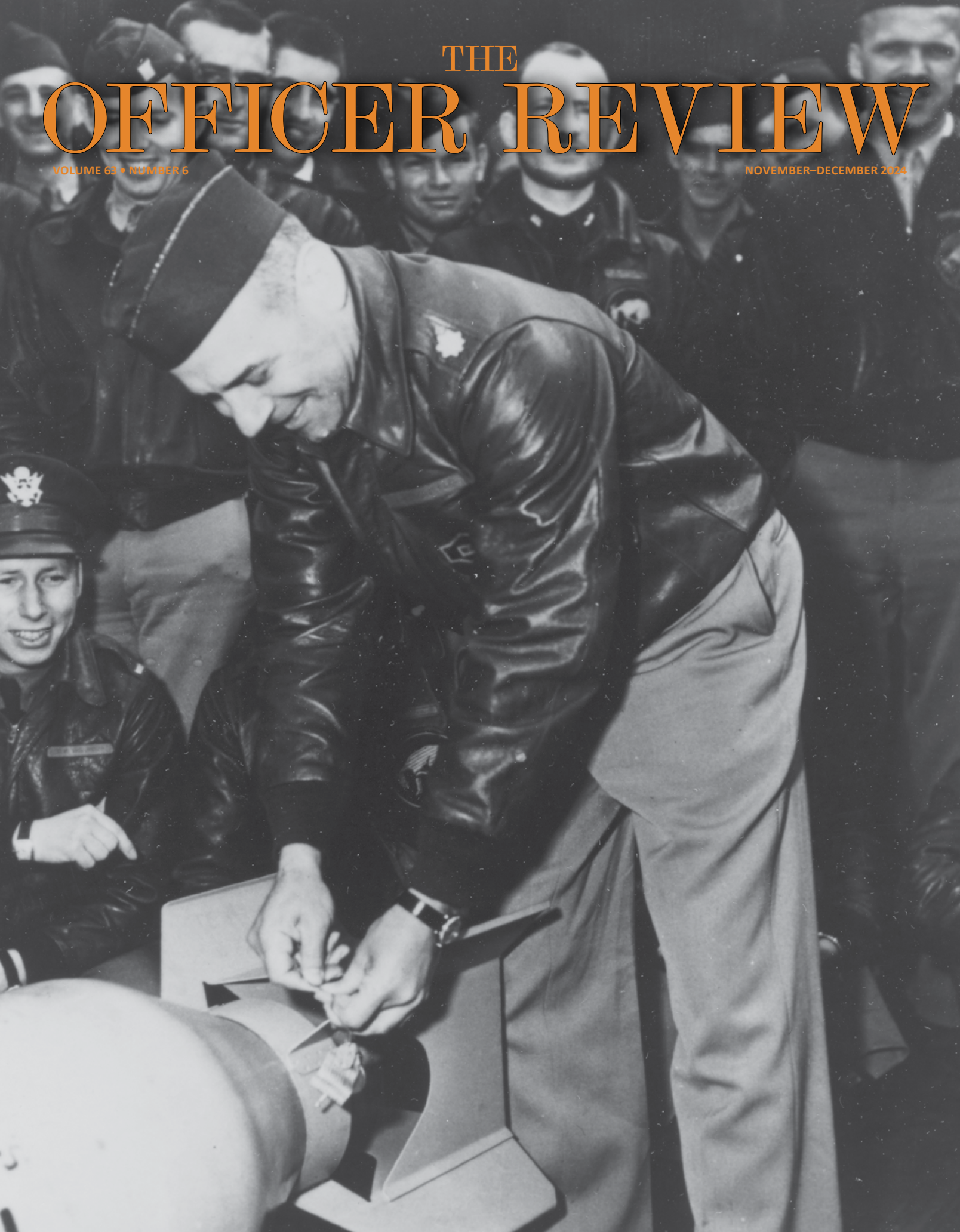


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A Season of Gratitude and Service

As we enter this 2024 holiday season, let us take time to reflect upon not only our rich blessings here in the greatest nation on earth but please keep in mind those who have struggled throughout the year, such as our homeless veterans and those who were in the path of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Let us also not forget our fellow comrades who are stationed overseas, and keeping in mind their families who remain at home. If you know of such a family, reach out to them in the MOWW spirit of service, let them know that they are appreciated, and offer any assistance they may need.

After the "Great War" was over, General John J. "Blackjack" Pershing in a personal letter to his soldiers stated: "In leaving the scenes of your victories, may I ask that you carry home your high ideals and continue to live as you have served—an honor to the principles for which you fought and to the fallen comrades you leave behind." Our continued service is a form of gratitude, gratitude for the blessings and privileges we have in our great nation, and to say "Thank You!" to our country for allowing us the opportunity to protect our precious rights and freedoms. Service is not about ourselves, but about giving back, which in and of itself is one of the highest forms of gratitude.

This is also a special time of the year as we honor and show our gratitude to our deceased veterans. Through the Wreaths Across America (WAA) program, Chapter Companions across the country will be placing wreaths at National Cemeteries and local gravesites on Saturday, December 14th. Established in 2007, WAA has become synonymous with its annual wreath-laying ceremonies each December: WAA has participating locations in over 4,220 communities nationwide, engaging volunteers in educational initiatives and sharing veteran stories of service and sacrifice. The Memorandum of Understanding we signed earlier this year with WAA underscores a shared commitment to engage Companions and volunteers in joint community service activities to raise awareness for our respective missions. Yours truly will participate in a wreath-laying event with WAA at Arlington National Cemetery, representing our Order's gratitude to those interred at this revered location.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your selfless service, as requested by General Pershing. Each and every one of you is truly remarkable. Our Order has achieved incredible milestones over the past year, and we will continue to rise and empower our community through the dedication of extraordinary Companions like you.

I wish every one of you and your families the happiest of holidays, and "God Bless America!"

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The Doolittle Raid: Aviation's Boldest Mission

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At the onset of World War II in early 1942, there was a small group of men under the leadership of Lt Col James Doolittle who accepted the challenge to retaliate against Japan for its attack on Pearl Harbor.



In this article, you will learn the names of the individuals who planned, organized, and implemented the so-called “Doolittle Raid” and its outcome. You will find out how the raid was conceived and planned, the necessary coordination between the Army Air Force and Navy, and the appointment of officers to implement and discharge the plan. Ultimately, the “Doolittle Raid” involved 16 modified B25 Mitchell Bombers, each with a five-man crew consisting of a pilot, co-pilot, navigator, bombardier, and engineer gunner, totaling 80 volunteers.

On Monday, 8 December 1941, US President Franklin Roosevelt addressed a Joint Session of the US Congress. That speech described the President’s anger with the Japanese for the unprovoked attack on the US military facility at Pearl Harbor. In the following days, he would constantly inquire about the possibility of attacking the Japanese mainland. Navy Captain Francis Low came up with the idea of having light bombers take off from an aircraft carrier, which he shared with Admiral Ernest King, Chief of Naval Operations. Admiral King gave him the ok to proceed with his plan.



Decision Makers (L-R): Capt Low, Capt Duncan, Gen Arnold, ADM King

Foreground, (L-R): Lt Col James Doolittle, and Capt Marc A. Mitscher, skipper of the aircraft carrier USS Hornet, stand with some of the 80 fliers who manned B-25 bombers.



In January of 1942, Captain Donald Duncan, Air Operations Officer, was tasked with planning the attack on Japan. The many details that had to be addressed were unprecedented in aviation warfare since the US had never planned a long-range attack on a foreign enemy. After five days, he delivered a handwritten plan to Admiral King. He included provisions for weather, routes, and which carrier to use. He concluded that the B25 would be the best bomber with a wingspan of 68 feet, which would clear the island on the aircraft carrier. He also noted that the take-off speed of the B25 was slow enough to make flight possible off the USS Hornet. Medium bombers could not land on aircraft carriers so it would be a one-way flight, and they would have to fly into China.

Since aircraft were involved, Admiral King sent Captains Low and Duncan to General “Hap” Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Force, for his approval. General Arnold met with Captains Duncan and Low to discuss their plan to bomb the Japanese mainland. General Arnold immediately approved the idea for further planning. He also divided the responsibilities for the raid between Captain Duncan for the Navy and Lt Col Jimmy Doolittle for the Army Air Force. Lt Col Doolittle was a highly respected pilot with a Ph.D. in Aeronautical Engineering.

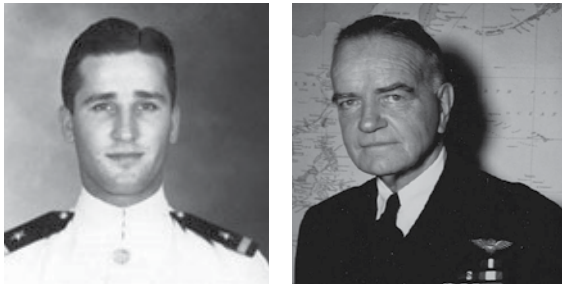
The plan was now set. The original plan called for 15 B25s to be loaded on an aircraft carrier; however, an additional bomber was added to increase the chances of success. The carrier would be part of a larger task force that would escort the bombers as close as possible to the Japanese mainland. From there, the B25s would be launched from the carrier and attack strategic targets in Japan before landing in China. Lt Col Doolittle arranged for three B25s to arrive at Chambers Field a week prior to the expected arrival of the USS Hornet. The pilots practiced short field take-offs from a runway painted with the outline of an aircraft carrier. One of the planes

developed engine troubles due to repeated take-offs. Sandbags were used to represent bomb loads. When planning indicated that the B25 was the aircraft that best met the mission’s requirements, two were loaded aboard the USS Hornet at Norfolk, VA, and were flown off the deck without difficulty.

The raid was immediately approved, and the 17th Bombardment Group was chosen to provide the pool of crews from which volunteers would be recruited. Lt Col Doolittle’s reason for selecting the 17th Bombardment Group was because it had the necessary B25s and crews. Shortly after the successful carrier testing, the 17th Bombardment Group commander received a telegram to immediately transfer the entire group to the Columbia Army Air Base in South Carolina. The telegram went on to state that volunteers were needed for “an extremely hazardous mission.” Nearly every member of the 17th Bomb Group volunteered with no further information available.

With the successful launch of B25s from a carrier completed, work began on modifications to increase the plane’s flying distance. In February 1942, twenty-four B25s were sent to Mid-Continent Airlines in Minnesota for required alterations. B25 aircraft modifications included the following: 1. Removal of the lower gun turret; 2. Installation of fake gun barrels in the tail of the plane; 3. Installation of deicers and anti-icers; 4. Mounting steel plates on the upper turret; 5. Removal of the liaison radio; 6. Installation of a 160-gallon auxiliary fuel tank; 7. Replacement of the Norden bombsight with a makeshift aiming device created by Captain Ross Greening that cost 20 cents; and 8. Two bombers had cameras installed.





(L-R): Lt. Miller, VADM Halsey

The selected crews picked up the modified bombers in Minneapolis and flew them to Eglin Field, FL, in March 1942. There, the crews received concentrated training for three weeks in simulated carrier deck takeoffs, low-level and night flying, low-altitude bombing, and over-water navigation. Lt Henry L. Miller, a US Navy flight instructor, supervised their training and accompanied the crews to the launch. For his efforts, Miller is considered an honorary member of the Raider group.

On 1 April 1942, 16 of the 24 modified bombers, their five-man crews and Army maintenance personnel, totaling 71 officers and 130 enlisted men, were loaded onto the USS Hornet. Each plane carried four specially constructed 500-pound bombs. A few of the bombs had Japanese “friendship” medals wired to them, which were medals awarded by the Japanese government to US servicemen before the war.

The USS Hornet and Navy Task Force #18 got underway from San Francisco Bay on 2 April. A few days later, the USS Hornet met with Task Force #16, commanded by Vice Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., which included the USS Enterprise and her escort ships in the mid-Pacific Ocean north of Hawaii. The Enterprise’s fighters and scout planes provided protection for the entire task force in the event of a Japanese air attack. The Hornet’s fighters were stowed below deck to allow the B25s to use the flight deck.

At 07:38 on the morning of 18 April, while the task force was still about 750 miles from Japan, it was sighted by the Japanese picket boat *Nittō Maru*, which radioed an attack warning to Japan. The boat was sunk by gunfire from the USS Nashville. The chief petty officer who captained the picket boat killed himself rather than be captured. The USS Nashville picked up 5 of the 11 crew.

Lt Col Doolittle and USS Hornet skipper CAPT Marc Mitscher decided to launch the B25s immediately—10 hours early and 200 miles farther from Japan than planned. All 16 aircraft launched safely. The B25s then flew toward Japan at wave-top level to avoid detection.

The aircraft began arriving over Japan at about noon Tokyo time. Six hours after launch, they climbed to 1,500 feet and bombed ten military and industrial targets in Tokyo and five other cities. Although some B25s encountered light antiaircraft fire and a few enemy fighters over Japan, no bomber was shot down.

The raiders faced several unforeseen challenges during their flight to China: the night was fast approaching, the aircraft were running low on fuel and the weather was rapidly deteriorating. None would have reached China if not for a tailwind, which increased their ground speed by 29 mph for seven hours. The crews realized they would have to bail out over eastern China or crash-land along the Chinese coast.

Fifteen of the 16 aircraft reached the Chinese coast after a 13-hour flight. One crewman, 20-year-old Corporal Leland D. Faktor, was killed during his bailout attempt over China, the only man in that crew to be lost. Two crews were missing. The sixteenth aircraft, commanded by Capt Edward York, flew to the Soviet Union and safely landed; however, their B25 was confiscated and the crew members held as POWs. Since Russia was not at war with Japan, they were required to inter the crew members under international law. Within a year, they were released under the ploy that they escaped captivity.

After parachuting into China, Doolittle and his crew received assistance from Chinese soldiers, civilians, and John Birch, an American missionary in China. In addition to the Doolittle crew, the remaining 74 crew members also reached China after their planes crash-landed, with one exception being Corporal Faktor. Most of these crew members were able to achieve safety with the help of Chinese civilians and soldiers. Despite the loss of 15 aircraft, 64 airmen escaped capture or death, with only three killed in action.

Ten Raiders were captured, but their fate was not fully known until 1946. The story of the missing

Lt Hite, blindfolded by his captors, is led from a Japanese transport plane after he and the other seven flyers were flown from Shanghai to Tokyo. After about 45 days in Japan, all eight were taken back to China by ship and imprisoned in Shanghai. US Air Force photo

crews was revealed in February 1946 during a war crimes trial to try four Japanese officers charged with mistreating the captured crewmen. Two of the captured crewmen were found to have drowned when their B25 crashed into the sea. Both of their remains were recovered after the war and were buried with military honors.

A final recap of the 80 crew members shows that 64 airmen escaped capture, five airmen were retained in Russia, one airman was killed when parachuting out over China, two airmen died when their plane crashed into the sea, and eight airmen were captured by Japanese forces in eastern China, three of these men were later executed. The other three were held as POWs until released.

The Doolittle Raid resulted in a strategic advantage to the United States. The Japanese High command withdrew substantial air force resources from supporting offensive operations in order to defend the home islands. Two carriers were diverted to the invasion of the Alaskan Island of Kiska; thus, they were unavailable for use in the Battle of Midway, where the US sunk four of Japan's carriers. The raid's most significant strategic accomplishment was forcing Japan to deploy its forces around their homeland for fear of attack, thus reducing their availability elsewhere.

The raid caused negligible material damage to Japan, but it had significant psychological effects. In the United States, it raised morale and was retaliatory for Pearl Harbor. In Japan, it raised doubt about the ability of military leaders to defend the home islands.

Doolittle thought he would be court-martialed when he returned to the United States due to the loss of 16 aircraft and minor damage to Japanese targets. Instead, since the raid bolstered American morale, Doolittle was promoted to Brigadier General, skipping the rank of colonel, and was presented with the Medal of Honor by Roosevelt upon his return to the United States.

All 80 Raiders were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and those killed or wounded during



the raid were awarded the Purple Heart. Every Doolittle Raider was also decorated by the Chinese government.

The Doolittle Raiders held an annual reunion almost every year from the late 1940s to 2013. The high point of each reunion was a solemn, private ceremony in which the surviving Raiders performed a roll call, then toasted their fellow Raiders who had died during the previous year. Engraved silver goblets, one for each of the 80 Raiders, were used for this toast; the goblets of those who had died were inverted. The surviving Raiders drank a toast to their fallen Raiders. In 2013, the remaining Raiders decided to hold their last public reunion at Fort Walton Beach, FL. On 18 April 2013, a final reunion for the surviving Raiders was held at Eglin Air Force Base, with Robert Hite the only survivor unable to attend. Lt Col Richard E. Cole passed away in 2019 at the age of 103. He was Doolittle's co-pilot in aircraft No. 1. He was the last surviving Doolittle Raider and the only one to outlive Doolittle.

James Doolittle had a distinguished military career after the Doolittle Raid. As previously disclosed, after the Raid on Japan, Lt Col Doolittle was promoted to Brigadier General by-passing the rank of Colonel. As a Brigadier General, he commanded the Twelfth Air Force in North Africa. Promoted to Major General, he was given command of the Fifteenth Air Force in the Mediterranean Theater. From 1943-1945, Lieutenant General Doolittle commanded the Eighth Air Force. After the war, Lieutenant General Doolittle was placed on the inactive list. On April 4, 1985, James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle was promoted to the rank of four-star General by an Act of Congress. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery after passing away in 1993 at the age of 96. ★



Going In Harm's Way

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He did not have to do it. At age 33 and with marginal eyesight, he did not fill the prerequisites for being a combatant. In late 1942, the United States was fully engaged in brutal combat with both the Germans and Japanese and the patriotic urge surged

in many Americans. Wilfrid F. Coiteux was among them, and because he felt it was appropriate, he sought to join the fight. For him, however, at first, it was not easy.

Initially rejected because of his eyesight, Coiteux still attempted to sign up. And in his favor, he had a knack for a role very much in demand. The US Navy accepted him as a nurse, a medical specialty filled mainly by women who were commissioned officers. Nevertheless, women did not serve on combatant ships, and there was a need for qualified medical personnel to serve on even the smallest fighting ships. Coiteux could do that. He was also not troubled with the thought of going even further in harm's way.

During his first year, however, he was strictly a landlubber working ashore, tending to military wounded and sick. He got his first taste of the Navy life at St. Albans Naval Hospital, the largest naval hospital on the East Coast in Jamaica, Queens, close to New York City. Constructed on a former golf course, the hospital provided advanced medical care to Navy personnel and those of other armed services. It also received patients from other East Coast naval medical facilities, such as the nearby Brooklyn Navy Yard. The assignment to St. Albans was fortuitous in that he was close to his hometown in New York State's lower Hudson Valley, which made liberty (vacation passes) and leave opportunities easy to take advantage of.



In late 1943, however, his situation changed, and he was ordered to Quincy, MA, to join the crew of the newly launched destroyer escort, the USS Coates (DE-685). It belonged to the Rudderow Class of ships designed to chase enemy submarines as well as screen and protect larger vessels, including commercial ships in convoys. The Coates, commissioned on 24 January 1944, saw all its WWII service in the Atlantic Ocean, where it served as a school ship for officers and the cadres of newly organized destroyer escort crews.

Entering the Navy as a Pharmacist Mate Second Class and then promoted to Pharmacist Mate First Class, Coiteux was the sole medic on the Coates as it "shook down" in the Caribbean Sea while ostensibly seeking enemy submarines and serving as a school ship. It was not a particularly challenging duty, as German submarines had mostly been driven from those waters. He was also needed elsewhere, which had other implications in his favor because he had frequent bouts of seasickness on the small ship, which he had difficulty overcoming.

Left: One of 16 stained glass panels in the chapel of St. Albans Naval Hospital. Upon the hospital's closure in 1974, the panels were transferred to the Chapel-by-the-Sea at Naval Hospital Newport, RI. Source: Naval History and Heritage Command.

Right: The USS Coates (DE-685) was a Rudderow-class destroyer escort in the US Navy during WWII and in the 1950s and 1960s.



After six months on board the Coates, he received orders that now placed him in real danger, but this time on land. Getting him off the water, however, meant being assigned to the Marines. Since the US Navy furnished the Marines with medical support, this was not an unusual assignment, and it was one that allowed him to realize his desire to serve to the best of his ability. First, however, he had to undergo Marine Corps indoctrination, then medical staff, field hospital, and jungle operations training at the Camp Lejeune Marine base in North Carolina. All this pointed him towards serving in the Pacific theater of operations since that was where the Marine combat units were fighting. From Camp Lejeune, he was dispatched to Long Beach, CA, for final processing to his final destination.

That location was Okinawa, where its capture in an amphibious operation was necessary before

the Japanese home islands themselves could be invaded. He found himself landing in the first waves of the operation with the 6th Marine Division's Field Hospital designated BN#2. During the first days of April, the division swept ashore unexpectedly uncontested and moved north to clear the enemy from that portion of the island. It looked like the Japanese might be ready to give up the fight as the Marines experienced little opposition. But that was about to change.

The 6th Marine Division was a unique organization, actually having been organized as it went ashore on the island. Its three infantry regiments, for example, included the 4th Marine Regiment, reconstituted after fighting in the Philippine Islands in 1942 and forced to capitulate there, joined the division on Okinawa. The other two regiments had already fought in other Pacific Ocean battles, so the 6th on landing consisted



A Navy corpsman tends to a wounded Marine on Okinawa, Japan, in May 1945. The corpsman is using the rifle as a plasma holder. Source: Marine Corps photograph.



of combat-tested units. When working together for the first time, the division encountered some challenges.

It was fortunate then that the 6th's initial task was a relatively straightforward and elementary one, and so when in early May it was committed to the American advance to the island's south against the main Japanese fortified line, the division was well "shaken down." For the now experienced Navy male nurse, Chief Pharmacist Mate Coiteux, was reaching the closest he was to going to get in harm's way. And that was to be under miserable weather conditions.

Already in April, the rains reigned supreme. Steady and heavy, the rain not only badly compromised the fighting, but it greatly hindered supply activities and evacuation of wounded as well as dealing with a suffering indigenous population. Roads and pathways, not having been constructed to accommodate the heavy traffic of the motorized Americans, became muddy quagmires. At night, rains brought cold and discomfort to everyone, not the least the wounded and those who cared for them. Yearly rainfall averaged sixty inches, the most pronounced in the spring months.



Coiteux and his fellow nurses became very busy quickly. The fighting, soon confined to the island's south, intensified within weeks of the invasion. This was incredibly challenging for his field hospital as the division's focus shifted from the north to the south. His work day became longer and more arduous as the number of casualties treated in the field hospital accumulated rapidly. Now, as a chief pharmacist mate, he spends more and more time supervising the lower-ranking nurses, which has taxed his leadership ability and medical care expertise.

Like many other WWII veterans, Coiteux did not talk much about those kinds of wartime experiences when he returned home. But he did not have to; statistics spoke for themselves. The 6th Marine Division, after its sister division, the 1st Marine Division, suffered the second most casualties in the campaign, totaling 12,815. Of those, 1,622 were killed in action or died of wounds, ranking first among the six divisions engaged in the campaign.

It does not have to be much of a stretch to imagine the horrors Coiteux was bound to have experienced. Not only was death constantly present, but wounds included hideous burn wounds as the use of liquid fire had become necessary to defeat a fanatical and suicidal enemy. Enemy wounded and civilians, many young, old, and female, were treated along with American Marines and soldiers. Field conditions were exacerbated by the attempted infiltration of friendly lines by Japanese soldiers or just wandering civilians seeking shelter or sustenance. The indeterminate situation behind the front lines and the threat of a suicide attack on rear area installations gave rise to the possibility of even medical personnel having to use their issued forty-five caliber pistol. Fortunately, Coiteux never had to use his. In fact, he never even got a chance to fire his weapon on a range.

The native Okinawa population was badly exploited by the mainland Japanese, who left the island people in a state of despair, and where

"Pharmacist's Mate First Class Francis Pierce Jr., USN-Iwo Jima," painted by Col Charles H. Waterhouse, USMCR. Painting depicts Medal of Honor recipient Pharmacist's Mate First Class Francis Pierce Jr., USN, in the Battle of Iwo Jima, 15-16 March 1945. Source: National Museum of the Marine Corps.

even committing suicide was encouraged by the Japanese military. Towards the end of the campaign, at the end of the island, whole families indoctrinated that the Americans would slaughter them if caught, threw themselves to their death off the high cliffs located there. For Coiteux, now a senior medical nurse technician, the experience was something he had to take in stride and did not necessitate post-war discussion.

There were, however, times of levity, which were more apt to be recounted when he returned to the United States as part of his war experiences. For example, unlike its unavailability to most combat Marines, for field hospital medical personnel, alcohol, which was not denatured, was readily available. When mixed with available fruit juices, it made for agreeable libations on appropriate and “other” occasions. The “upgraded” beverages also served as excellent trading material for such luxuries as steaks and other desired foods procured from those in charge of supply activities. Likewise, trading battlefield trophies, many of which never made it back to the United States, was a popular and frequent pastime. There was also steady contact with the hospital ship crews, members of which sought wartime mementoes, especially those taken from Japanese soldiers.

The defeat of the Japanese defenders on Okinawa and nearby islands by 21 June 1945 meant that the invasion of the Japanese homeland was the next step to end the war. The 6th Marine Division was set to participate in the large-scale operation. Once the island fighting ended, preparations were made for the assault.

Luckily, combat operations ceased before the Japanese islands had to be invaded, which put certain Marine units on Okinawa in position to sail to Japan and act as an initial occupation force. That is, if the Japanese honored the terms of the surrender. Coiteux and his fellow Marines were not sure that would. When confronting cannon pointed towards them with white flags hanging from their barrels, there was a fervent hope among the troops that the guns would remain silent. They did.

Coiteux’s time in Japan was relatively short as his medical skills were still needed but elsewhere. Elements of the 6th Marine Division were tasked with providing medical assistance in the evacuation of those Japanese soldiers who had

*WWII US Navy USN Pharmacist
Mate Corpsmen PO First Class
White Rate Patch*



been fighting in mainland China and were to be disarmed and transported back to Japan. His field hospital was dispatched to the Chinese port of Tsingtao, where it helped process the soldiers for the return shipping.

The duty in China was a far cry from what he had experienced in Okinawa. A once fierce enemy fighting on the Chinese mainland had now turned obedient and peaceful supplicants. The Japanese had been fighting in the country for almost a decade, and undoubtedly many of the soldiers were not only glad they were no longer required to give their lives for the emperor but were eager to return to their homeland. The result was a relatively smooth repatriation and for the Americans involved in the return operation, there was also time to enjoy the pleasures of a country now free of a brutal occupying power. The Chinese were about to escalate a long-standing civil war and were pleased to see the Americans in Tsingtao. This port had been a German economic zone before 1914, but as a result of World War I and Germany’s defeat, it was lost to Germany. In his free time, Coiteux could take advantage of the opportunities to experience the pleasures of the country.

The repatriation mission in China in the autumn of 1945 saw him returning to the United States and on track to be discharged from the Navy. A troop transport took him to California. From there, it was back to New York, where he left the Navy the day before Christmas.

By the time Coiteux’s war was over, he had come a long way from being an initially untutored Navy enlistee to an experienced senior male Navy nurse. His journey going in harm’s way was unique in filling his voluntary medical commitment, but he was the last to turn down the World War II role that he felt he had to play. ★



HONORING A LEGACY OF SERVICE AND ART

The Story of Maj S. Joseph Winslow, USMC (Ret)

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"It was an item in your [MOWW] preamble that caught my attention: *'To encourage and assist in the holdings of commemorations and the establishment of Memorials for the World Wars.'* I knew then that I wanted to become involved."

This was my introduction to Maj S. Joseph Winslow, US Marine Corps (Retired). At that moment, I had no idea of the depth of his background or how significantly he could support and assist the Order. Here is a glimpse into the remarkable journey and accomplishments of Maj Winslow.

Joseph Winslow's path was deeply influenced by his artist and architect father, setting the stage for a life dedicated to the arts. As he reflects, "I first realized the power of art and my abilities when I crafted an enormous crucifix as a very young man. I cobbled it together from mirror scraps and brown paper and carried it up the aisle during mass. It deeply affected people, especially the nuns, who had tears in their eyes. That experience led me to pursue architectural and art studies."



Top: Maj Joseph Winslow, in front of the WWI Memorial where he is depicted lifting a fallen soldier.

Above (L-R): Cory Koles, (brother-in-law); Elise Winslow, (sister); Alex Winslow, (brother); Susan Winslow, (Maj Winslow's spouse); Maj Winslow; and Joan Foley, (Major Winslow's Mother)

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His educational journey began at Skyline Magnet School for Architectural Studies, followed by an Associate Degree in Fine Arts and Art History from Richland Community College in Decatur, Illinois. He continued his studies at Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business as a Presidential Scholar, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration with a focus on marketing. During this time, he honed his skills in visually communicating and demonstrating American heroic deeds.

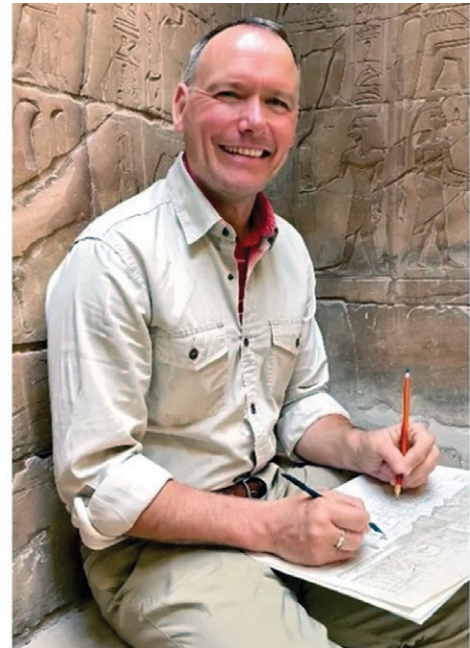
In 1986, driven by a sense of duty, Joe Winslow enlisted in the Marine Corps, starting his military career as an artilleryman. His service took him to the Marine Embassy Security Group in Frankfurt, and in 1991, he transitioned to the Marine Corps Reserves while completing his degree.





Above: *Marine Corps Fireteam Clearing Insurgent Position*,
By Maj Joseph Winslow
Fallujah, Iraq, Operation Phantom Fury / New Dawn, 2004
Cast bronze with light blue/green patina, 40" x 20" x 1"

Right: Maj S. Joseph Winslow, USMC (Ret) in the field.



Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1995, he served as an Adjutant, managing manpower planning, awards programs, and related matters during wartime. His final assignment before retiring 20 years later was serving as a Marine Corps Museum and History Division Artifacts Officer and Combat Historian, a role that took him into combat zones to document and depict Marines engaged in operations through his art.

After retiring from active duty, Maj Winslow continued to serve as the Marine Corps Museum's History Division Artifacts Officer and Combat Historian, a role that took him into combat zones to document and depict Marines engaged in operations through his art. "I aim to convey that America's young men and women are just as capable and committed as those who served during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. They believe in our country and are willing to do whatever it takes, even giving their lives, to defend it."

Maj Winslow's contributions extend beyond his military career. His unique role as a combat artist has led to several significant projects, including serving as a model for the National World War I Memorial. The bronze relief sculpture, titled "A Soldier's Journey," was unveiled on September 13, 2024, and now stands one block from the White House, a part of both the Smithsonian and Washington, DC's landscape. Maj Winslow is depicted in the memorial's "Pieta" scene, lifting a

fallen soldier with the help of another—a powerful testament to his connection to the sacrifices of those he represents. "I'm deeply honored to participate and hope to represent other veterans who have given so much more," he said. "The memorial resonates with the timelessness of what combat extracts from those who participate in it."

Reflecting on his own artwork, Maj Winslow is particularly proud of his bronze piece depicting the Battle of Fallujah. "It captures the essence of that fight," he explains. "The piece, on display at the Marine Corps Museum, is part of the permanent national collection. It illustrates the movement of a Marine squad, from disembarking from an Assault Amphibious Vehicle (AAV) to breaching a door and engaging insurgents. It shows the intense, often deadly, process of clearing a building, highlighting the camaraderie and brotherhood of those who serve together in such dangerous situations."

Today, Maj Winslow continues to contribute to the art and defense communities as President and owner of Advanced Arts Management, Inc., leading a team that provides artistic project management services to various National Defense agencies. His journey, marked by dedication to both his country and the arts, serves as an inspiring testament to the power of creative expression and service. ★



AZYLC 2024

A CASE STUDY FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EXECUTION

SVCINC LT COL MARLON RUIZ, USAF (RET)

SANTA CRUZ VALLEY CHAPTER, AZ

Region XIII Arizona Youth Leadership, Inc. (AZYL, Inc.) hosted its 61st annual Arizona Youth Leadership Conference (AZYLC) summer program in early July. This popular local patriotic education program opportunity has been around since the early 60s. However, it wasn't until this year that an existing partnership provided a broader purpose, aligning with key organizational strategic goals and offering more impactful operational benefits for all parties involved.

The Same Program with a Broader Application Appeal

The Strategic Planning Committee developed and published the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan two years ago and followed up that effort by launching two additional supplemental ANNEX publications this past operating year. The two additional ANNEX publications offer a more practical and strategic approach to implementing and supporting community engagement at different levels. ANNEX-A provides the implementation rationale behind the newly stated six strategic goals. At the same time, ANNEX-B offers more quantifiable and scalable metrics guidance to help gauge

performance achievement, particular capability, progress, and success.

While planning this year's AZYLC 2024 multi-day youth program, the steadily rising cost of hosting this annual event at the usual academic institution campus grounds and facilities had reached a point of noticeably diminishing investment benefit. This led the hosting AZYL, Inc. governing Board of Directors to explore alternative location options and consider forming new partnerships. Through its robust organizational chapter partnership and contacts with the Arizona National Guard Bureau (AZNG), the Phoenix Chapter in central Arizona (along with the collaboration of the West Valley Chapter in west Phoenix and the Santa Cruz Valley Chapter in southern Arizona) secured a suitable AZNG training site location that would otherwise be left dormant for most of the calendar year and not considered in the planning of the AZYLC program.

The chosen AZYLC 2024 facility contained all the technical and property equipment required to carry out all program expectations at a fraction of the previous year's site selection costs. It included tapping into AZNG training curriculum



A collaboration with AZNG allowed the AZYLC to invite more students and enrich program activities.



instructional materials and training personnel pool talent augmenting traditional AZYLC program capabilities and enriching other program activities throughout the week-long student delegate experience. The resulting cost savings allowed more students to apply for the program, increasing MOWW community services' visibility and AZNG non-traditional military community services' stature in the community.

Dovetailing Applicable Strategic Goal Objectives for a Perfect Fit

There is no question that the MOWW patriotic education-associated AZYLC program achieves its strategic goal of "consistently developing and delivering attractive and high-impact community outreach programs and activities." What may not be immediately apparent are the additional institutional benefits and gains acquired through the AZNG's "public support role" from a partnership perspective. Combining AZYLC with AZNG resources improved the program's effectiveness in non-military public service. While it is a desired accomplishment to elevate our MOWW corporate community presence and public image, enhancing our existing partnerships in the process is even more significant. Creating a broader collaborative approach—a more comprehensive and mutually satisfying collaboration—is rarely considered in event planning and execution initiatives nationwide.

Key Takeaways to Consider

AZYLC 2024 was a resounding success. The student delegate program experience was enhanced by the addition of a fifth day, allowing for an event-culminating banquet dinner. This special dinner included inviting parents, community partners, program service providers, curriculum volunteers, staff, event presenters, and even HQ MOWW visiting officials. It was a valuable benefit that had been eliminated the previous year. Certificates, plaques, medals, and citations were awarded to all contributors for their significant and crucial contributions to this successful event.

A surprising benefit came from the banquet event audience, where some of the attendees' parents turned out to be representatives of additional community and state agencies. They expressed interest in joining our AZYLC program planning efforts for next year, even though they were not part of this year's program.

In closing, this article focuses on one of the six strategic goals and how it can be feasibly considered and applied in our longstanding AZYLC program. The remaining five strategic goals also serve as enablers to each other. For example, they play a crucial role in building relationships, which are essential for sparking potential future recruitment leads and opportunities for all those involved, but that is a subject for another time and article. ★



7-13 July 2024

MOWW NYCS-Washington DC

MS KAILYN ALEE AT THE NATIONAL YOUTH CIVICS SUMMIT



This July, fifteen students hailing from all across the nation and myself had the once in a lifetime opportunity to travel

to our nation's capital for a week to witness our government's inner workings up close and personal at the National Youth Civics Summit. An opportunity such as this, which is so rarely afforded to our youth, was especially invigorating because it connected what all American children learn in their civics classes in schools to something material and tactile. I know that this sentiment is not shared by myself alone when I say this summit greatly increased my own personal political efficacy but also furthered a heart of patriotism and grew an understanding of the manner in which our government operates in international affairs.

One of my favorite moments from the Summit was our Capitol tour. We had the privilege of meeting with Congressman Keith Self and were able to see the Senate and House of Representatives in session. It is truly an amazing thing to see with one's own two eyes a name from a ballot earlier in the year that voters chose speed along to the Capitol where they represent the will and wants of their districts on the national stage. It inspired many students to consider a future on the Hill as a civil servant for our own communities. I especially enjoyed meeting with the Supreme Court Historical Society, who educated us about major Supreme Court case decisions, the beginnings of the Supreme Court, and its rise to strength in modern day politics.

I particularly liked the opportunity to meet with the Marshal of the U.S Supreme Court, Col. Gail Curley (Ret.), and hear an insider perspective of the Supreme Court and what steps are taken to

ensure the safety of the Justices and how they prepare for the oral arguments that take place within the courtroom. Her passion and dedication to her work was showcased in all that she did, and was exciting to me and others as we considered the many career paths available to us on the Hill. One of, if not the most, moving parts of the Summit was watching the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. It was hard not to be emotional as we watched the precision and care that is taken to watch over those who gave themselves to the last measure, their names for now only known by their Creator alone. It personally motivated me to "do more" (as encouraged by one of our amazing speakers, President and CEO of the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation, Michael R. Rodriguez) to remember those who serve our country and their families and to continue to uplift them, their stories, and the impact that their sacrifice has made on our great nation.

Lastly, we were afforded the opportunity to hear from diplomats from all over the world. I especially enjoyed hearing from Ambassador Dennis W. Hearne and Colonel Alcuin Johnson and learn what it takes to earn these positions in our government, what that job looks like in an everyday context, and how they use diplomacy to confront matters that arise when a nation collaborates with other governments in a variety of ways. These amazing speakers opened my eyes to a world that I had previously heard very little about and piqued my interest into the world of diplomacy and the ways in which to prepare to pursue a career in it.

In conclusion, the inaugural National Youth Civics Summit was a remarkable and life-changing experience that inspired the hearts of many young people and encouraged them in their role as young leaders in this country's future and inspired them to consider roles in our government. I hope that this Summit will be one of many, and I cannot wait to see a new class of young leaders take on this opportunity and glean knowledge that will last a lifetime. ★





CINC Visits Region I Companions

Lt Col David J. Worley, USAF (Ret), enjoyed meeting with New England Region I leadership on 6 September at a dinner given in his honor at the Union Oyster House.

(L-R): HPM Mr. Peter Nee, Commander Cape Cod Chapter, MA; COL Jeff Kane, Boston Companion; COL (MA) Lawrence Willwerth, Commander Region I; CINC Lt Col David J. Worley; COL Raoul Alcala, Commander Greater Boston Chapter, MA; CAPT Harry Weinberg, Commander Massachusetts Department, and LTC James Marques, Commander Granite State Chapter, NH.



Above: CINC Lt Col David J. Worley, USAF, (Ret), thanks Karen Worcester, Executive Director of Wreaths Across America, for all that they do to Honor, Remember and Teach.

Right: CINC Lt Col David J. Worley hangs the first of three dog tags in Wreaths Across America Remembrance Grove to honor and remember three fallen service members.



Wreaths Across America established the Remembrance Tree Program, a living memorial, as another way to remember and honor our veterans.





WREATHS *across* AMERICA

The Military Order of the World Wars has partnered with Wreaths Across America (WAA) to enhance our respective missions, programs, services, and collaborative efforts. As a piece of this partnership, each MOWW Chapter is encouraged to register as a WAA Sponsorship Group. This is a simple yet powerful way to generate funds for your Chapter while honoring veterans and supporting WAA's mission.

Wreaths Across America Regional Liaisons and CUTOFF Dates



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Here's a step-by-step guide for Chapters to get started:

1. Contact Your Wreaths Across America Regional Liaison. WAA divides the country into 5 regions, each managed by a liaison team.

Reference WAA's Regional Map to contact the liaison from your region. Inform them you want to register your Chapter as a WAA Sponsorship Group. The WAA liaison will then contact you with the next steps.

You will need to provide your Chapter's contact information (including mailing address) and W-9.

Chapters may choose which type of sponsorship group they would like to be:

- ▶A \$5 Back Group receives \$5 back for every paid wreath sponsorship.
- ▶A 3-for-2 Group receives three wreaths for every two paid wreath sponsorships.

2. Complete Sponsorship Setup

After the initial setup, your Chapter's Sponsorship Group page will be linked to MOWW's Headquarters Corporate Page, where all registered Chapters are listed.

Each Sponsorship Group (i.e., Chapter) will have a custom URL to their page.

Through your Sponsorship Group page, your Chapter can collect and track donations, track wreaths, and track and communicate with volunteers.

Funds raised through your Chapter's Sponsorship Page are mailed directly to your Chapter at the address provided during the setup process.

Ongoing Support and Resources

WAA offers continuous support to its sponsorship groups. Monthly webinars provide program updates and address any challenges. These webinars are recorded and available on WAA's YouTube channel so Chapters can stay informed on their own schedule. Additionally, WAA supplies downloadable materials, including social media guides, to help Chapters effectively promote their efforts. Visit wreathsasscrossamerica.org for more information.

Don't miss this valuable opportunity to support your Chapter while honoring our veterans, engaging with your local community, and contributing to a national mission of remembrance and respect.



Massing of the Colors in Maine

CPT ALAN JOHNSON, USA (RET),
MG (BVT) CHAMBERLAIN CHAPTER, ME

One of the recommended patriotic activities of the Order is the sponsoring of “Massing of the Colors,” inspiring events that seem largely to have passed into history even for the largest and most capable of our MOWW chapters.

This past summer, the MG Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Chapter of Maine provided proof that it can be done. This small chapter, celebrating the 105th year of its founding in 1919, partnered with the Wreaths Across America organization to promote the Massing of Colors at the Balsam Valley Amphitheater in Columbia Falls, ME, on 27 July 2024.

Chapter Commander CPT Alan Johnson, USA (Ret), disabled in combat service, gave the principal address and generally presided. VCINC COL Loren Weeks, USA (Ret), assisted with this event. Six local units provided color guards: Bangor High School Army JROTC, Bangor Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, Marine Corps Detachment #1151, VFW Post #7865, the Washington County Sheriff’s Department, and the Coast Guard Unit-Jonesport Station.

These photos demonstrate that these events are worthwhile for participants and the audience. ★



(L-R): CPT Alan Johnson, USA (Ret); VCINC COL Loren Weeks, USA (Ret); Bangor Wing of the Maine Civil Air Patrol.



(L-R): A Gold Star father observes the ceremony; Bangor High School Army JROTC; Marine Corps Detachment #1151.

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN HEROES, PAST AND PRESENT

The Field of Honor

HPM MR. CHARLES W. BENNETT, JR.
HISTORIAN GENERAL
VIRGINIA PIEDMONT CHAPTER, VA



For the seventh consecutive year, the Rotary Club of Forest, VA, in collaboration with veteran organizations such as the Order's Virginia Piedmont Chapter, bought their "Field of Honor" to Lynchburg, VA.

From 7-21 September 2024, one thousand United States flags flew proudly on a large grassy field courtesy of the Automated Conveyor Systems.

The Field of Honor® proudly displays 1,000 flags to honor the men and women who have and are defending our nation worldwide. We are reminded that the number of surviving World War II veterans grow smaller each day, and the decades

have multiplied since our military served on the battlefields of Korea and Vietnam. In the years since the terrorist attacks of 2001, our military members have fought in the Middle East. The fall of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center emphasized the sacrifices of the First Responders, reminding us that they, too, put themselves in harm's way to protect us.

All these heroes honored the flag and it is fitting that the display of the flag should honor them.

The Virginia Piedmont Chapter is proud to be a part of this meaningful community event, a true Massing of the Colors! ★

Click to watch a clip of the ceremony on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2473495679514152>



Photo Right, (L-R): PCINC LTC Michael Okin, USA (Ret), and Chapter Commander COL Charles B. Faulconer, USA (Ret).



Preventative Medicine

CPT DAN L. CAMERON, JR., USA (FMR)
SURGEON GENERAL, MOWW

Hello, my fellow Companions,

First and foremost, I am not trying to misrepresent myself or the Order. I am not a medical doctor. My field of study, practice, and expertise is as a Physician Assistant and Respiratory Care Practitioner, with an emphasis on Pulmonary Medicine.

Thus, the misprint in the last article was corrected. Moving forward, this article will focus on preventative medicine.



Preventive medicine involves proactive measures to avoid disease and chronic illness and maintain overall health. By incorporating the following practices:

vaccinations, healthy eating, rest and sleep, exercise, mental health hygiene, and maintaining an overall healthy lifestyle (for example, not smoking, overeating, or abusing alcohol/substances), we can improve the longevity of life.

► **Vaccinations** involve small exposures to illnesses to help build up the immune system. It's crucial for people to comply with vaccination recommendations to ensure maximum effectiveness against vaccine-preventable diseases in the community. Health professionals recommend vaccines for flu, pneumococcal disease, RSV, COVID, shingles, and more.

► **Healthy Eating** prevents chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. Nutritional balance emphasizes the consumption of appropriate portion sizes and whole, nutrient-dense foods while limiting the intake of processed foods. Critical elements of a healthy diet include:

Fruits and Vegetables are rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. Supports the immune system and decreases inflammation.

Whole Grains are high in fiber, aid digestion, reduce the risk of heart disease and type 2 diabetes.

Lean proteins can be found in sources such as chicken, fish, legumes, and plant-based proteins. They help with muscle repair and immune functions.

Healthy Fats Omega-3 fatty acids are found in fish, nuts, and seeds. They reduce inflammation and promote heart health.

Limit consumption of sugar and processed foods to prevent weight gain, diabetes, and other metabolic disorders/diseases.

► **Rest and Sleep** Adequate rest is crucial for both mental and physical health. Sleep plays a vital role in various body processes, such as heart/muscle

and circadian rhythm (sleep/wake cycle). Adequate sleep reduces stress, anxiety and irritability. It improves cognitive function, mood, boosts energy as well as emotional regulation. Develop a consistent sleep routine to support physical and mental restoration.

► **Exercise** Physical activity is a cornerstone of preventative medicine, offering a wide range of mental and physical benefits. Regular exercise can reduce the risks of heart disease, diabetes, and certain types of cancer. Maintaining a healthy weight according to BMI aids in regulating metabolism and body composition. Exercise improves mental health by reducing symptoms of depression and anxiety and enhancing mood and body energy. Regular physical activity increases muscle strength, flexibility and bone density, reducing the risk of osteoporosis.

Recommended activity levels: the CDC recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise per week plus muscle strength activities twice a week.

► **Mental Health** Mental well-being is equally important in preventative medicine, as psychological and physical health are closely intertwined. Stress Management can decrease high blood pressure, headaches, immune disorders and digestive problems. Techniques like mindful meditation as therapy can reduce stress. Support networks such as healthy relaxation with friends, family, or support groups play a vital role in emotional well-being. Professional help or therapy counseling for individuals struggling with anxiety, depression, or other mental health conditions can offer valuable support.

► **Regular Health Screening:** Schedule annual checkups and health screenings for early detection and prevention.

By following these guidelines, Preventative Medicine can effectively reduce the risk of developing chronic disease, boost overall health, and improve quality of life. ★



Praise, Repent, Ask and Yield—Prayer

LTC VICTOR W. BURNETTE, USA (RET)
CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW

This week, while I was having lunch with a Companion, he expressed a heartfelt wish. As we were parting, he said, “Please pray for me and my family.” As I drove away, I realized the immense value of the profound power of prayer. This led me to reflect on the myriad challenges we face daily in our lives, our country, and the world today. Life can often feel overwhelming, making us vulnerable to the negative actions of others and the social media we encounter daily.

The Bible calls us to pray. In Philippians 4:6, we are instructed to pray in every situation, “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done,” and in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, we are told to pray without ceasing. God desires us to communicate with Him regularly, continually, and persistently. Prayer is not only powerful and effective, but it also glorifies God.

Understanding the importance of prayer for ourselves, our families, our communities, our country and our world, we might wonder how to pray effectively. Consider this method:

Praise: Begin by praising God for who He is and His blessings in your life.

- Example: “Heavenly Father, I praise You for Your unwavering love and faithfulness. Thank You for the blessings of family, health, the freedom we have, and the beauty of creation.”

Repent: Confess your sins and ask for God’s forgiveness.

- Example: “Lord, I confess my impatience and lack of trust in Your plan. Please forgive me for my shortcomings and help me to grow in faith.”

Ask: Present your requests to God, whether for yourself or others.

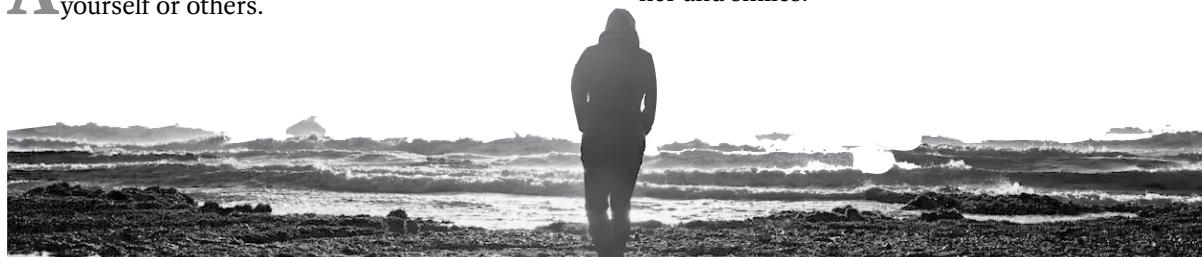
- Example: “Father, I ask for Your guidance and protection over those serving in uniform, those deployed in harm’s way, and those leading them. Please provide healing for those who are sick and comfort for those who are grieving and give that courage and wisdom to them.”

Yield: Surrender to God’s will, trusting He knows what is best.

- Example: “Lord, I yield to Your will in my life. Help me trust in Your timing and plans, even when I don’t understand them.”

In conclusion, prayer is not limited to our upcoming holidays like Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas. We have a responsibility to pray, in both good and bad times, for one another, for situations that seem hopeless, and for those we do not know. Prayer allows us to hand over our concerns and fears to God, letting Him take control. It removes us from the equation, alleviating our fears.

I recall worrying about why my wife and I were not able to conceive. We had several miscarriages. In fact, after our last loss, the doctor nicely encouraged us to stop trying. Soon afterward, my wife attended a military chapel women’s retreat. There, women were encouraged to pray to God, write down their concerns on a 3x5 card, and then take the card to a fire pit and burn it. As the smoke rose, my wife was told, “Now you have given it to God. He has it and He knows your concerns. He loves your child more than you ever could.” Shortly after, she became pregnant, and we delivered our daughter at DeWitt Army Community Hospital at Fort Belvoir, VA. Now, during quiet moments, when I look at Captain Brooke Burnette, I give a prayer of thanks. Sometimes, she catches me looking at her and smiles. ★





Greater El Paso Chapter, TX

El Paso's 48TH Massing of the Colors

BY CPT ROBERT G. MELSON, USA (FMR)

The 48th annual Massing of the Colors ceremony was held on 21 September in El Paso. SVCINC Lt Col Marlon Ruiz, USAF (Ret), addressed the audience. The event featured COL Brendan Gallagher, USA, the Garrison Commander at Fort Bliss, as the guest speaker and grand marshal. The ceremony was open to all color-bearing units and organizations in the greater El Paso and Las Cruces area. A MOWW Silver Patrick Henry was presented to KTSM reporter Dave Burge, who has a long history covering military and veterans affairs. A Bronze Patrick Henry was awarded to the station for community service.



Northern Virginia Chapter, VA

In Support of Scouting

BY COL VINCENTE C. OGILVIE, USA (RET)

At the Boy Scouts of America Prince William District's National Capital Area Council "Good Scout Award Evening," HPM Roberta L. Yourtee, Adjutant of the Northern Virginia Chapter, presented Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) to the event's distinguished honorees.

(L-R): Mr. Carlos Castro, President and CEO of Todos Super Market; HPM Roberta L. Yourtee; Cheryl Macias, Assistant Governor, Area 6, District 7610, Rotary International; and Marion Wall, owner of Potomac Wall Agency."



CAPT Dilworth Chapter TX

Welcome New Companions

BY CAPT JIM ROBINSON, USCG (RET)

Four new MOWW Dilworth Chapter Companions were sworn in at our September meeting. 1SG Amery Vasso, USA (Ret), is our Chapter's first enlisted Companion.

(L-R): MAJ Jay Lardizabal, USA (Ret); CPT Catherine Kohn, USA (Fmr); 1LT Sara Vasso, USA (Fmr), and 1SG Amery Vasso, USA (Ret), all joined last month.



Puerto Rico Chapter, PR

Prestigious Leadership Awards

BY VCINC COL ADALBERTO RIVERA, USAF (RET)

Companion Col Carlos Quiñones, USAF (Ret), the Chapter's Patriotic Education Program Coordinator, and Luis A. Lebron, Senior Member in the Civil Air Patrol, presented the MOWW Bronze Patrick Henry Medal to outstanding young students for superb leadership and academic performance.

(L-R): CAP Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Alondra Gonzalez; Cadet 1st Lieutenant Angel A. Monserrate; JROTC Cadet SSG Yael Molina; Cadet MAJ Jeandelys Torres, and LTC Jose E. Plaza-Ortiz (JROTC Instructor).



BG Bultman Chapter, VA & Northern Virginia Chapter, VA

MOWW Running Team

BY COL MIKE FARRELL, USMC (RET)

The Chapters joined forces again this year to sponsor the Annual RUN! GEEK! RUN! 5K charity road race in Alexandria, VA. RUN! GEEK! RUN! is organized by our partners and friends at Ironistic. The annual 5K race benefits a different Alexandria-based non-profit each year. This year, the 17th Annual running was the largest yet, and benefited the Peterson Life With Cancer at Inova Schar Center.

We sponsored Cadets from the Chantilly Academy AFJROTC unit to run as members of the MOWW Running Team. A special recognition is given to the Alexandria City High School Army JROTC unit for providing the Color Guard.

The MOWW Running Team. (L-R): COL Vince Ogilvie, Cdr, NOVA Chapter; Cdt Philip Hughes; Cdt Emily Cusicanqui; Cdt Treston Seeley; Cdt Rebecca Reed; Cdt Timofei Zharkov; (all Cadets from Chantilly HS AFJROTC); Mike Farrell, MOWW Chief of Staff; and Mr. Michael Farrell (son of the Chief of Staff)





Puget Sound Chapter, WA

Chapter Presents Outreach Service Medal

BY PCINC COL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RET)

Capt Edward Murphy, USAF (Ret), presented the Outreach Service Medal to LTC Daniel M. Still, USA (Ret), for his work with Law and Order for the chapter's outreach program at the 29 September Chapter meeting in Steilacoom, WA.

(L-R): CDR Alan Mandigo, USN (Ret), LTC Daniel M. Still, USA (Ret), and Capt Edward Murphy, USAF (Ret)



Dallas Chapter, TX

Celebration of Freedom

BY CPT ALLEN CLARK, USA (RET)

The Dallas Chapter held its second annual Independence Day Celebration of Freedom with first generation Americans speaking about their love for America and its meaning to them. The words "freedom" and "opportunity" were repeated. All presented and spoke of their pride to be a part of our land of the free and home of the brave.

(L-R): Chapter Commander 2LT Natan Ton-That, USA (Fmr); Rev. Dawit Adege (Ethiopia); Rev. Sean Pinder (Bahamas); Amil Imani (Iran); Julie Chow (Taiwan); LTC Hac Nguyen (Vietnam); Arnold Yan (China), and CPT Allen Clark, USA (Ret), Past Commander of the Dallas Chapter.



Chicago Chapter, IL

Naval Recruit Honors

BY CW02 ELISEO T. LOPEZ, USA (RET)

The Chicago Chapter honors one of the top recruits from the Naval Recruit Training Command upon graduation at the end of their boot camp training. On 3 July 2024, SN Natasha Alers, Division 930 from Bronx, NY, graduated with honors and was awarded the MOWW Certificate of Recognition and Medal. Presenting her with the medal and certificate, was Mr. James M. Durant III, Chief Counsel, US Department of Energy. We want to wish SN Alers the best in her future endeavors with the US Navy.



Colorado Springs Chapter, CO

Colorado Springs Chapter Welcomes Scouting America

BY LTC MIKE BERENDT, USA (RET)

The Colorado Springs Chapter was honored to welcome three distinguished guests from Scouting America to our May Dinner Meeting. Jim Machamer, Scout Executive for the Pathway to the Rockies Council, provided a look at the National Level Scouting Program with emphasis on the name change from Boy Scouts of America to Scouting America to encourage female membership in the Scouting organization. He was followed by Steve Hayes, the Council President for our local Scouting Organization, who updated us on the reorganization and upgrades to the Cub Scout programs, the impact of COVID-19 on Scouting operations and participation, and upcoming Colorado summer camps. Finally, Brody Lambert provided a “Scouts-eye view” of the process and requirements to achieve the title of Eagle Scout, the highest level of achievement in Scouting. Our Scouting representatives assured us that Scouting remains one of the most well-attended and nationally critical youth programs to build outdoor skills, leadership proficiency, community service, and life skills for our students and young adults.

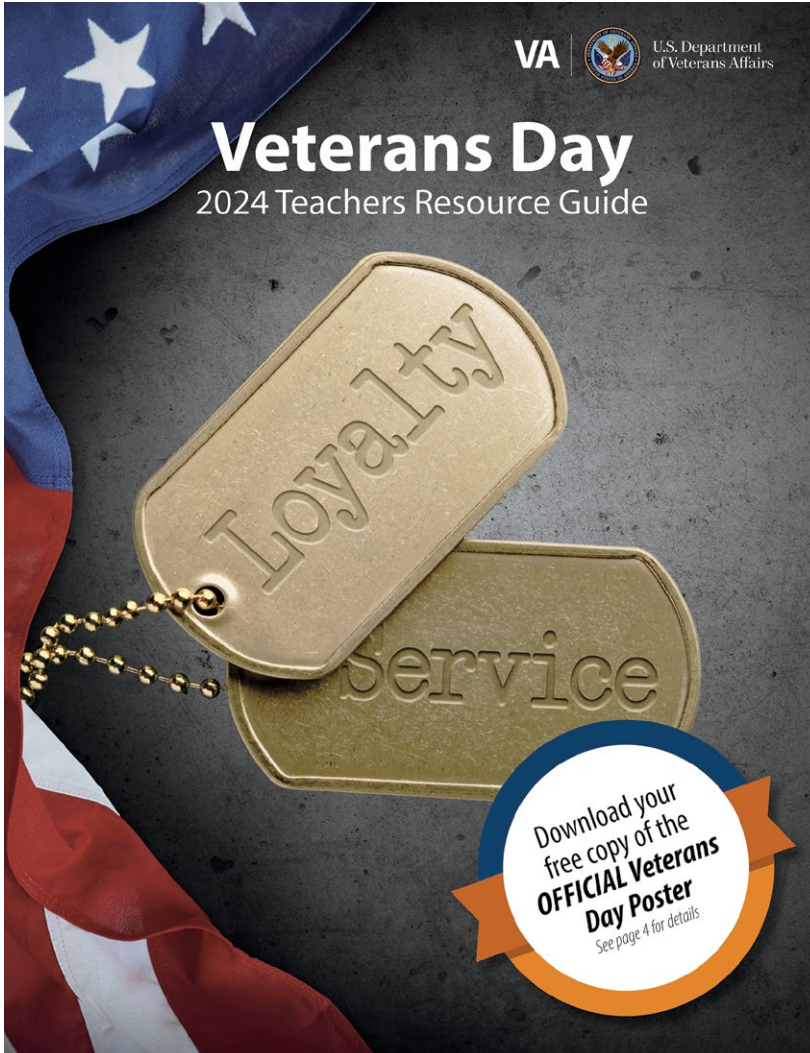
Right: Colonel Neal presents Certificates of Appreciation to Steve Hayes and Jim Machamer, Scouting America Executives.

Left: Colonel Neal recognizes Cody Lambert, Eagle Scout candidate and guest speaker.





Veterans Day 2024 Teachers Resource Guide



The Guide's Contents includes:

- A Legacy of Loyalty and Service: Our American Veterans
 - The Story of Veterans Day
 - America's Wars
 - Prisoners of War (POWs) and Those Missing in Action
 - Medal of Honor
 - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
 - School Programs to Honor Veterans Day
 - Student Activities
 - Sample Lessons
 - Respecting the Flag
 - Folding The Flag
- Additional Resources (such as):
- Veterans Service Organizations
 - Scholarships
 - Veterans Legacy Program

The US Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Day National Committee are pleased to provide this easily downloadable Veterans Day Teachers Resource Guide (PDF, 28-pages, 6.4MB).

https://department.va.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2024_VeteransDayTeachersGuide.pdf

The guide fits easily into any YLC or YLS curriculum. Individual pages are printable and can be used as hand-outs. The guide contains many links which are useful to veterans as well as students.

"This resource guide, allow your students to learn more about the role our brave veterans have played in defending and preserving our nation. It is our hope that by thanking America's Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice, we can reward them with the honor they so richly deserve." —VA





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