

Colorado Springs Chapter CO - #151

1 September 2021

**Commander’s Comments:**

Greetings, Companions!

Labor Day weekend is approaching and the “unofficial” end of summer. I hope you were able to enjoy the summer especially with the relaxation of COVID restrictions. Well, it looks like we may be in for more restrictions, and so it is important to stay connected.

Our chapter has been very busy since I sent out the last member bulletin. August was a busy month for our MOWW local chapter.

* I attended the MOWW National Convention in Detroit, 4-8 August. Highlights included: boat tour of the Michigan River; installation of new National Leadership CINC, VCINCs and Chief of Staff; and our Chapter Award of 1st place for our Patriotic Education Program in the medium size chapter category. Several by laws and constitutional amendments were considered. The proposal to expand membership to include senior enlisted, E6 and above, was defeated. This is primarily due to the fact that there are over one million eligible to join MOWW, but only 1% of all companions recruited a new member last year. The feeling was that we need to put more effort with our current membership to recruit from the pool of eligible officers and warrant officers before expanding to include enlisted members. Finally, it was emphasized that Chapters need to increase our “in-reach” efforts to engage current members, especially perpetual members who are not attending monthly meetings and other activities. I found the Convention to be very beneficial for connecting with other Chapters and learning how to improve our organization. I will invite you to consider attending next year’s convention which will be in Florida.
* Several of us presented a backbrief to the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club regarding our Youth Leadership Conference. Kiwanis provides a significant contribution to run the Conference, and it was great to have several of our students tell the Club about the impact the Conference had on them.
* Our Membership Meeting this month featured GS-14 Steve Allen (Col, USAF, Ret)

on the topic: Ballistic Missile Defense of the Homeland. He is the Deputy Division Chief for the Ballistic Missile Defense Team at United States Northern Command (NC/J31). It was an informative presentation that focused on defense against threats, primarily from North Korea and Iran. We Zoomed the presentation and will continue to do so.

We also inducted Ulysses Swift to continue as Chapter Adjutant. In addition, we welcomed Mike Boatner, George Gay and RF Smith as new members. Finally, we awarded the Outstanding Service Award to Warren Gerig.

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From L to R: Mike Boatner; George Gay; RF Smith

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**Member Birthdays: Best wishes for the following companions:**

**September:** LTC Francis Wynne – 7 Sept; CPT George Gay – 13 Sept; Mr. Curt Reus – 24 Sept; Ms. Stephanie Johnson – 29 Sept; COL Steve Shambach – 29 Sept; Col Edward Fisher – 30 Sept.

**October:**  Col John Abbatiello – 5 Oct; COL Lee Van Arsdale – 6 Oct; LT Robert Bythewood – 20 Oct; Col Watt Hill – 23 Oct; LTC Victor Tise – 26 Oct;

Capt Ronald Maw – 30 Oct.

We held a Staff Meeting in August. Following are items of interest from that meeting:

1. Introductions. Mike Berendt, Mike will get with Jim Taylor and Randy Helms to discuss treasurer duties and procedures, preferably at Jim’s house to also see his collection of awards, certificates, etc. Mike will get with Ulysses to discuss Adjutant duties.
2. Treasurer’s Report-Jim.
   1. CDs: $11,880.88
   2. Checking: $101.09
   3. Savings: $6312.60
   4. Total: $18,294.57
   5. Paid for Website, Hub and Spoke, $45.00
3. Committee Report
   1. ROTC/JROTC- NSTR
   2. Patriotic Education-Steve. RMYLC 2021 completed. After Action Review completed. Submitted YLC After Action report to National. Should get money for each student who attended. Check will come to Steve.
   3. Membership-Ulysses Swift.
      1. Current number of members: 76
         1. 66 are from Colorado
            1. 24 Members over age 75
            2. 42 Members under age 75
      2. Applications received: 2 applications: Frank Wynne change from regular to perpetual member; RF Smith activated as a perpetual member
   4. Programs-Steve Shambach
      1. Boy and Girl Scouts-Kerm Neal/Jim Taylor. Kerm will send out a note to re-energize the Eagle Award recognition by MOWW.
      2. First Responders-Dr. George Reed. Confirm time for Valor dinner. Will invite students from RMYLC for those who cannot attend. Rich Rima agreed to pay the remaining share for our table
      3. Homeland Security/National Defense- Jon Wisham. Steve will meet with Rudy Veit to see if he is willing to join MOWW and help with this program.
   5. Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) and RMYLC-Steve.
      1. Planning for fund raiser for RMYLC on 21 September at Patty Jewett Golf Course. Details TBP.
      2. Steve asked Staff to consider being table hosts. At a minimum, invite those who might be willing to donate to the fund. Steve will send more information as it becomes available.
4. New Business
   1. Alignment of responsibilities with duty position (for discussion).
   2. Staff training? 6 modules, approx. 4 hours, all with laptops and internet access, date(s); times? Rich Peters will look at Library 21c; All thought it would be best to have a working dinner, start with a 2-hour session and see what else we need. Steve will send out information/link to training modules.
5. Old Business.
   1. Due Outs
      1. All Recruit new members!
      2. Rich and Mike Berendt-Non-profit with Colorado as a 501(c)19. We just need to fill out the paperwork and find out where it is. Steve asked Mike Berendt to help with this. National HQs is taking this on.
      3. Steve Programs:
         1. September: Fund Raiser on 21st
         2. October: Lunch meeting? Will ask First Responder. Steve will find out from Sally when Patty Jewett is available and then invite Dr. Chuck Weber if he can attend. Backup would be a fire chief invited by George. We will look at starting lunch meetings in October
         3. November: Scout update? Kerm will check on a speaker.
      4. Jessica Mills drafted up a Hill House poster. Steve will take to Tri-Lakes printing to make a 24 x 24” poster to hang in the window.
   2. Soliciting from membership volunteers for the following vacant Positions:
      * 1. Historian. Steve would like this position filled
        2. Marshall
        3. Chaplain
        4. Judge Advocate
        5. Public Relations- Steve would like this position filled
      1. We need to work up a Staff succession plan for the next 3 years; By bylaws, this is last year for Commander and several others are on extension.
   3. Web Site. We have agreed to participate in the Region XIII spoke and hub which is now up and running. Joani Sgaggio has offered to update the COS MOWW portion of the website.
   4. We can submit articles to Officer Review MOWW Magazine. It suggested that we establish a Scribe Position.
   5. Chapter Action Plan completed.
   6. Marketing and Outreach. Steve is on a National MOWW Strategic Initiatives committee. They are contracting a marketing organization to help MOWW improve their marketing. This will probably be approved at the National Convention and should be underway next year.
   7. Chapter Action Report Form 27 was submitted.
   8. Chapter Action Plan Main discussion points presented at July Dinner and included in August bulletin
6. Date and location of the next staff meeting**: Friday**, 16 September 1700, at Hill House (T)

**Next Chapter Meeting:**

Fund Raiser, 21 September at Patty Jewett Golf Course. Invitation sent by separate e-mail. Essential info: **Event Details:**

* September 21, 2021, from 5:30 - 8:00pm
* Patty Jewett Golf Course, 900 E. Espanola St. Colorado Springs
* Italian dinner buffet will be served, and a cash bar will be available.

**Please notify us if you can make it through the RSVP form:**

[**Our Review & Donor Recognition Event**](file:///C:\Users\swiftu1\Downloads\Our%20Review%20&%20Donor%20Recognition%20Event) **located at** [**https://rmylf.org**](https://rmylf.org)**. Please complete the form no later than September 10, 2021.**

In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about the foundation and annual conference, please visit our website at [rmylf.org](https://rmylf.org/) . If you are unable to attend, you may still contribute to this important fund raiser using the Donate tab on the website.

For the Good of the Order.

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***It is nobler to serve than to be served***

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Flyer for September Fund Raiser

Attachment 2: Contribution/pledge form

**Attachments 1: Fund Raiser Flyer**



CONTRIBUTION OR PLEDGE

Yes, I am making a tax-deductible contribution or pledge to the Colorado Springs Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars.

I wish to contribute or pledge $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to the Patriotic Education Fund.

I wish to contribute of pledge $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to the ROTC Fund.

I wish to contribute of pledge $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to the Boy and Girl Scout Fund.

I wish to contribute of pledge $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to the Law & Order Fund.

I wish to contribute of pledge $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to the Operations Fund (postage, bulletin, directory, recognition programs – plaques, medals, etc.)

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