

# Military Order of the World Wars



## Chapter 151 Region XIII March 2024 Newsletter



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### CHAPTER COMMANDER'S REMARKS (7 Mar 24)

Hello Companions!

Junior Vice Rich Peters and I had the honor of attending the Denver Chapters meeting on February 16th for fine food, companionship, and conversation, and to hear Nate Watanabe give his briefing on NORAD and NORTHCOMs Homeland Defense mission to the assembled crowd. The Denver Chapter's next meeting is Friday, April 19th, should anyone be interested in attending!

It brought warmth to my heart to hear LTC Campbell talk about the dedication of his UCCS Army ROTC Cadre, and to talk with future 2LTs Kaden Sturgius and Albert Beltran. They are all magnificent representatives of the ideals of our Nation, and their willingness to serve is inspiring. We wish them all well in their future endeavors!

As previously mentioned, we are actively looking to participate in the Monument 4th of July parade with vintage military vehicles, courtesy of Nate Watanabe (our November speaker). We are also exploring a Massing of the Colors event at some point in 2025. Both activities will require active participation from many Companions to ensure mission success. If you are interested in taking on or assisting with one of these events, let me or any senior staff member know.

Still no news from National on the two recent surveys and Ad Hoc Committees brief to the Executive Committee (EXCOMM) on 15 February. I highly encourage attendance at the next convention (held in Valley Forge, PA 5-11 Aug 2024) to ensure your voice is heard on these two issues.

I look forward to the March 16th meeting with Mr. Michael Allen, Colorado's 4th Judicial District Attorney (DA for El Paso and Teller Counties). Anticipating a great meeting!

Thank you again for the honor and privilege!

Stay safe!

V/R,

Kerm

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **STAFF MEETING (12 Mar)**
  - Tuesday, 1700
  - Location: Hill House
  - Virtual Mtg [Link](#)
- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP MEETING LUNCH (16 Mar)**
  - Saturday, 1100
  - Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
  - Cost: \$25
  - RSVP to [LTC Berendt](#) no later than noon on Tuesday 12 Mar.
  - Virtual Mtg [Link](#)



### FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING (20 Jan) National Security

*The February 2024 Chapter meeting featured LTC Dave Campbell the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs (UCCS) Army ROTC Professor of Military Science*



*(L-R) Cadet Kaden Sturgius, LTC Campbell, Companion Kerm Neal, and Cadet Albert Beltran*

*who provided a presentation on the status of the ROTC program at UCCS. Included in the presentation was an overview of the schools within the geographic area the program accommodates (includes Colorado College, Pikes Peak State College, Colorado Technical University, and CSU-Pueblo), Cadre and Staff, education progression from Freshman to Senior, number officers commissioned, process for commissioning, local area ROTC trends, and training highlights. LTC Campbell also discussed the UCCS ROTC outstanding program when compared to other peer units within the nation during the 2023 Advance*

*Camp. These impressive results significantly exceeded national average metrics.*

LTC Campbell answered questions from Companions and guests that were instrumental in providing everyone in attendance with an understanding and appreciation of this outstanding program at UCCS.



*LTC Campbell presented with Certificate from Companion Kerm Neal*

### **UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING (16 Mar 24) Public Safety and Law & Order**

Michael Allen is a Colorado native and a US Navy veteran. He enlisted into the Navy after graduating from Arvada West High School and served as an Aviation Electronics Technician, aboard the USS Carl Vinson until receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1998. He then earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Northern Colorado, and his law degree from the University of Kansas.

Michael began his career as a prosecutor as an intern in the Johnson County Kansas District Attorney's Office and the Kansas Attorney General's Office, and the Douglas County KS District Attorney's Office. He joined the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office (serving Teller and El Paso Counties) in 2011 and has served the Pikes Peak region in several roles. Most rewarding for Michael was serving as the line Deputy District Attorney managing the Veterans Trauma Court (VTC) docket. He used his military experience to ensure that the 4th JD's VTC was focusing its resources on the right cases and defendants that needed and deserved a second chance. At the same time, he knows that violent and career offenders demand our full attention, and has worked hard to protect public safety. Michael was named as the 4th JD's Homicide Prosecutor of the Year in both 2015 and 2017.

Michael is married and has two sons. His oldest son teaches high school history, and his youngest son serves in the United States Navy. He was sworn in as the elected District Attorney of Colorado's Fourth Judicial District on January 12, 2021.

### **STAFF MEETING (13 Feb)**

- The next CINC Townhall scheduled for 9 Apr 24 from 1900-2030.
- Please review future newsletters for information on Companion volunteer opportunities associated with Monument 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.
- Companion John Hanaan volunteered to conduct Massing of Colors.
- Staff will undertake effort to obtain biographies for Chapter Companions. This requirement has lapsed over time and requires additional attention.
- Chapter staff briefed on Pikes Peak Veteran's Council and will make decision at March staff meeting if the Chapter will pursue membership in this organization in alignment with National and local strategic goals.
- Chapter Action Plan (CAP) – the Staff continues to work transitioning the CAP to synchronize with recently published implementation plan. Expect detailed information in the February newsletter and February Chapter Staff Meeting minutes.

### **CHAPTER ACTION PLAN (CAP)**

Strategic Goal (SG) Current	New
SG7 Conduct Chapter Advertising & Publicity SG8 Expand & Improve Chapter Outreach Program	SG1 Outreach – Consistent impactful outreach programs and activities.
SG11 Outreach. Expand participation and publicity of our Chapter with Public SG12 Co-sponsor Youth Leadership Conference.	SG2 Strategic Partnerships - SG3 Maximize Visibility
SG2. Monthly Chapter meetings. SG4. Leadership Training. SG5. Mentor and Develop Companions. SG6. Create a succession plan	SG4 Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership.
SG14. Register the Chapter as tax-exempt in the State of Colorado.	SG5 Obtain financial resources to full Order's mission.
SG1. Increase membership. SG9. Companion Recognition. SG10. Committee for programs. SG13. Review Chapter Bylaws annually.	SG6 Increase number of chapters and strengthen existing chapters.

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## NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

On Feb 17th, Rich Peters and Kerm Neal drove up to Denver with LTC Nate Watanabe to join the Denver Chapter meeting and to sit in on Nate's presentation on threats to the Homeland and NORAD and NORTHCOMs role in Homeland Defense. Very interesting brief, and great company for the meeting! Denver's next meeting is Friday, April 19th if anyone is interested in attending.



(L-R) Nate Watanabe, Kerm Neal, Coy Ritchie, and Rich Peters.

## HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was created in the wake of 9/11 to strengthen the security of the nation's transportation systems while ensuring the freedom of movement for people and commerce. Within a year, TSA assumed responsibility for security at the nation's airports and deployed a federal workforce to screen all commercial airline passengers and baggage. TSA now screens 100 percent of all passengers into, out of, and within the United States through TSA's Secure Flight program. TSA uses the latest technology to stay ahead of evolving threats and is continuing their efforts to screen 100 percent of cargo, regardless of where or how it is moving.

TSA Mission Elements include the following:

- Aviation Security - working to raise the baseline for aviation security across the globe by implementing enhanced security measures, both seen and unseen, at all last-point-of-departure airports in 105 countries around world. These measures will be implemented in phases, in coordination with our international partners.
- Cargo Screening - Securing the global supply chain, while ensuring its smooth functioning, is essential to our national security and economic prosperity.
- Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (DHS TRIP) - A single point of contact for individuals who have inquiries or seek resolution regarding difficulties they experienced during their travel screening at

transportation hubs—like airports—or crossing U.S. borders.

- Trusted Traveler Programs - DHS provides the only official US Government Trusted Traveler programs for travelers, customized to fit a variety of travel needs. Trusted Traveler programs allow members to use expedited lanes when crossing international borders, and at the airport.
- Visa Waiver Program - Permits citizens of participating countries to travel to the United States for business or tourism for stays of up to 90 days without a visa.
- Maritime Security - The U.S. Coast Guard protects against potentially dangerous cargo. The Maritime Information Exchange makes Coast Guard maritime information available to the public.

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## JROTC/ROTC

Committee Chairs Mike Berendt and Ulysses Swift are seeking Companions to represent the Chapter in presenting MOWW awards to JROTC and UCCS ROTC students during April to May school awards and recognition ceremonies. Typically, an awards ceremony will not exceed an hour plus commute time to and from the event. Dress is usually business casual with coat and tie. See future newsletters for additional information on date and time for awards ceremony that you can help to support. Please contact [Mike](#) or [Ulysses](#) if you are interested in representing the Chapter ([see POC information at end of newsletter](#)).

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## NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

### ANNUAL THREAT ASSESSMENT OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

This annual report of worldwide threats to the national security of the United States responds to Section 617 of the FY21 Intelligence Authorization Act (Pub. L. No. 116-260). This report reflects the collective insights of the Intelligence Community (IC), which is committed every day to providing the nuanced, independent, and unvarnished intelligence that policymakers, warfighters, and domestic law enforcement personnel need to protect American lives and America's interests anywhere in the world.

This assessment focuses on the most direct, serious threats to the United States during the next year. The order of the topics presented in this assessment does

not necessarily indicate their relative importance or the magnitude of the threats in the view of the IC. All require a robust intelligence response, including those where a near-term focus may help head off greater threats in the future.

See this [link](#) for the latest Threat Assessment the Director for National Intelligence (DNI) published 6 Feb 12 (based on information available on 18 Jan 23).

### **PATRIOTIC EDUCATION**

The Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) and Chapter Companions have started the planning for the 2024 Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) from June 24-28 at CSU Pueblo. This involves 100 rising high school seniors for a week in-resident experience emphasizing leadership, patriotism, and the free enterprise system. See [www.rmylf.org](http://www.rmylf.org) for additional information on the RMYLC. Please contact [Steve Shambach](#) if interested in volunteering to help with planning and execution of the conference.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY/LAW & ORDER (PS/L&O)**

DA Mike Allen is the guest speaker for the March membership meeting. DA Allen is a repeat speaker having presented in 2023. During last year's presentation he presented information on an innovative "[Data Dashboard](#)" that residents of El Paso and Teller County can access providing information on Cases Filed 5 Year Trend, 2024 Trial Cases, and Case Indicators (i.e., types of crimes, etc.).

See this [link](#) if you want additional information on Colorado's 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District website for additional information.

### **SCOUTING**

#### **PATHWAY TO THE ROCKIES**

The Pathway to the Rockies Council Recognition Dinner is on April 16th at the Penrose Pavilion. Companions will present these new Eagle Scouts with their MOWW recognition certificates during the dinner. Companions are encouraged to attend and participate in recognizing these Eagles Scouts. Cost is \$35 for early bird signup until April 2nd, then cost rises to \$40. See this [link](#) to RSVP to event.

### **VETERAN'S AFFAIRS**

It is with great sadness that the Chapter joins with the community in mourning the passing of Mr. Gerald "Jay" Cimino retired CEO and Chairman of the Phil Long Dealerships at age 87. He was instrumental in establishing the Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center in 2016. The center provides veterans and their families with a comprehensive array of services, including transition and employment assistance, behavioral health and wellness, supportive services, connection to community resources, and crisis counseling. He was known throughout the community for his support to veterans and their causes.

During the Waldo Canyon and Black Forest fires, Cimino supported firefighting and emergency service efforts by providing more than 30 trucks and cars, according to Jackson. As the Waldo Canyon blaze tore through Colorado Springs, scorching more than 18,000 acres and destroying nearly 350 homes, Cimino kept the Phil Long service bays open around the clock, fixing emergency vehicles that had sustained damage.

### **COMPANION OUTREACH & INTEREST**

#### **COMPANION ARTICLES AND FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS/SALES**

Please consider donating to the Chapter to meet future financial obligations. New Strategic Goal #5 is "Increase revenues ensuring adequate financial resources to fulfill the Order's mission."

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Companions consider volunteering for the following Chapter vacancies:

- Historian
- Judge Advocate
- National Security Chair or Committee member
- Public Safety/L&O Committee member



### **RECRUITING**

New Strategic Goal #4 is "Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership."



**To Qualify:** Mail-in membership applications postmarked between 3/1/24 - 3/31/24 to qualify. MOWW staff will automatically apply discount when processing the application.

Restrictions - **For new members only.** Not good for Installment Plans or 1st year commissions.

Win your bracket (medium Chapter)! Chapter adding the most new Companions during Membership Madness wins a \$500 cash prize

Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow Chapter - drive collective progress toward Strategic Goals and win \$500 cash prize (top Chapter membership recruiter for medium size chapter.

**MARCH into MEMBERSHIP!**

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### MARCH COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

19 Mar – COL James Mundt; 24 Mar – COL George Reed; 29 Mar – Mr. Kobe Neal

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### APRIL COMPANIONS BIRTHDAYS

2 Apr - Col Richard Macleod; 10 Apr – LTC Donald Holt; 12 Apr – LTC William Linn II; 15 Apr - 1Lt Kristy Katein-Taylor; 15 Apr – Lt Col Adam Ackerman; 19 Apr – COL Phillip Wright; 21 Apr – Maj Leroy Pedone; 23 Apr – LTC William Chadick; 29 Apr – William Shambach; 30 Apr – Maj David Ritterling

### Special Features/Humor/Trivia

- March 3 — Navy Reserve Birthday - formed in 1915 to support World War I.
- March 13 — K-9 Veterans Day Official birthday of the U.S. K-9 Corps. The Army founded the K-9 Corps in 1942 during WWII to train dogs to help troops.
- March 15-17 — Anniversary of the First Caucus of The American Legion Only months after the end of World War I, Service Members of the American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris for the very first caucus of The American Legion. The beginnings of an organization that caters to Veterans and Service Members were rooted, and only six months later “The Legion” was officially chartered by Congress.
- March 25 — National Medal of Honor Day honors the heroism and sacrifice of those awarded the highest U.S. military award.
- March 26 — Anniversary of the U.S. Victory at the Battle of Iwo Jima was one of the bloodiest conflicts of World War II, standing out as the only instance where total U.S. casualties outnumbered Imperial Japan’s losses.
- March 29 — Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day established in 2017, decades after a costly war that sent ripples through American society and fractured millions of veterans’ lives. Hundreds of thousands of Vietnam Veterans still live today, and many still suffer from the effects of lingering physical, mental, and emotional trauma suffered so long ago.

### Featured World War II Capability

The Red Ball Express was a famed truck convoy system that supplied Allied forces moving quickly through Europe after breaking out from the D-Day beaches in Normandy in 1944. To expedite cargo shipment to the front, trucks emblazoned with red balls followed a similarly marked route that was closed to civilian traffic. The trucks also had priority on regular roads.

Conceived in an urgent 36-hour meeting, the convoy system began operating on August 25, 1944. Staffed primarily with African-American soldiers, the Express at its peak operated 5,958 vehicles that carried about 12,500 tons of supplies a day. It ran for 83 days until November 16, when the port facilities at Antwerp, Belgium, were opened, enough French rail lines were repaired, and portable gasoline pipelines were deployed.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### COMPANION AWARD(S)

Strategic Goal 3 Maximize Visibility and Strategic Goal 4 Growing Engaged MOWW Membership are linked through the Companion Awards program. Please review the MOWW Awards program (Chapter 7 in this [link](#)) and nominate deserving Companions and non-Companions for the appropriate award. Your participation will support the Chapter in accomplishing this strategic goal.

#### REVEILLE

The Chapter Commander inducted Mike Talbott (COL, USA, Ret) as a new member to the Chapter during the February membership meeting. Please welcome Companion Adam Ackerman (Lt Col, USAF) from the Space Coast Florida Chapter who was recently assigned to the USAF Academy.



(L-R) Mike Talbot and Kerm Neal

#### TAPS

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Watt Hill (Col, USAF, Ret). Col Hill was featured in the November newsletter as the oldest Companion in the Chapter. He was one of the founders of our Chapter and later served for two years as a Vice Commander-in-Chief of MOWW. He was a frequent attendee at the Annual National and Mid-Winter Conferences. He was instrumental in the Chapter's hosting of the MOWW National Convention in Colorado Springs in the early 1990s.

The family requests sending any donation to the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation, Inc. PO Box 2152, Monument, Colorado 80132 or St. Matthias Episcopal Church PO Box 1223 Monument, Colorado 80132.

William L. Frier (Maj, USAF, Ret) US Military Academy Class of 1954 died January 6, 2024, at the age of 92. A former C-130 aircraft commander, Frier was a foreign language instructor at the Air Force Academy when the school first opened to cadets in 1961. Frier came from a long line of West Point graduates. His grandfather graduated in 1886 and was classmates with Gen. John Pershing, serving in both the Spanish-American War

and the Mexican Punitive Expedition. His father was with the Class of 1917 and served in World War I. He re-enlisted after Pearl Harbor and was assigned to help command the Japanese code-breaking unit at Arlington Hall in Washington, DC. Frier and his older brother John, joined their father in Washington when Frier was 13 right after D-Day in June 1944. Following a 20-year career in the Air Force, Frier became a financial planner with EF Hutton, Shearson Lehman Brothers, among others before becoming an independent agent specializing in life insurance. Frier was married in 1956 to his sister Lloyd's college classmate, Sara St. Antoine, who survives. Bill is survived by five sons: Ted, David, Peter, Robert, and Andrew; and by grandchildren: T.J, Matty, Caroline, Lucie, Abby, Alden, Will, Catey, and Sara. A Memorial Service scheduled 10:00 AM, Friday, April 5, 2024, at the Shrine of Remembrance "America the Beautiful" Chapel, 1730 East Fountain Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910. In lieu of flowers, send donations to Benet Hill Monastery, 3190 Benet Lane, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80921.

### MOWW Membership Application



Please use this link to submit an electronic application: <https://moww.org/become-a-companion/>. Please see Staff for paper membership application or this link to print your own application: <https://moww.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/MembershipApplication-MOWW-1.pdf>

#### PREAMBLE

To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity;  
To inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and the Flag;  
To promote and further patriotic education in our Nation;  
Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States;  
To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the Armed Forces;  
To promote the cultivation of Military, Naval and Air Science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of National Security for the United States of America;  
To acquire and preserve records of individual services;  
To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of Memorials of the World Wars;  
And to transmit all these ideals to posterity, under God and for our Country, we unite to establish "The Military Order of the World Wars."

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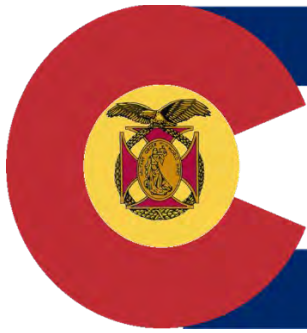
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Yes, I am making a tax-deductible contribution or pledge to the Colorado Springs Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars.

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

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

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

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

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

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Name

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