

COMMANDER

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES

ADJUTANT

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Happy (belated New Year to everyone. It never ceases to amaze me just how quickly the Holiday season passes by and we all find ourselves in a new calendar year and back at the grind stone. In this first Chapter Newsletter edition of 2025, there is lots to catch up on, to include all the great work and accomplishments by our chapter staff and fellow companions. Marking our 2024-2025 operating year halfway point, our chapter has performed superbly breaking old operational records and establishing new milestones. Pay particular attention to the segment containing our FM-27 Mid-Year Chapter Action Report statistics reported to HQ MOWW. My congratulations on a job very well done to all and a most sincere welcome to all our newly recruited chapter companions.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of the writing of this Treasurer report, our chapter finds itself a great standing financially, thanks to our chapter fundraising, being blessed with yet another generous grant donation from the Green Valley Country Fair White Elephant Grant Committee, and some careful expenditures planning throughout the first half of the current 2024-2025 operating year. Current accounts show us at 100% funding capacity in both our ADMIN (available CASH on hand) and O&M (operational and management budget funds), with our current PE funds sector at 31% replenishment capacity and our chapter standalone AZYLC program funding at 47% replenishment capacity. Account detail balance information is available via our chapter reports briefed at our meeting sessions. In summary, we are on solid operational and financial ground headed for another great and productive banner year, in my view.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Happy New Year to one and all. Operationally speaking our chapter is doing extraordinarily well. Our chapter recruitment is at 133% (having recruited beyond our usual operational year set goal for the first time in our chapter's existence). We are also "firing on all cylinders" when it comes to meeting and in most cases exceeding our stated 2024-2025 OY Chapter Action Plan goals. MY personal thanks to every fellow companion who has stepped up to assist and help the staff to achieve these most impressive operational results. Our fundraising efforts can always use more help and fresh ideas. AS we continue to plan to host the MOWW National Convention 2025 in Tucson, it is our sincerest hope that everyone will help lend a hand to make all our visiting fellow companions from throughout the country and abroad feel our signature southwestern hospitality come AUG 2025. Until next month and may God bless us all and keep everyone healthy and safe in this new year.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

- Dec 02nd – VSO-1: DEC (5) WOW [W] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10AM
- Dec 5-8th – MOWW: PR Chapter Mtg, San Juan, PR - 11AM
- Dec 07th – VSO-2: UAV Monthly [M] VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Dec 07th – R-13: PHX Chapter [A] MOC-2, East Valley, AZ - 7AM
- Dec 11th – MOWW: EXCOM HQ VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 12PM
- Dec 11th – VSO-3: TVAC [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- Dec 12th – R-13: CFWE [A] Committee, Green Valley, AZ - 8AM
- Dec 14th – RM-3: SCV Chapter MTG, East Tucson, AZ - 12PM
- Dec 16th – BSA: Troop 157 CoH Event, East Tucson, AZ - 7PM
- Dec 17th – MOWW: VAC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- Dec 17th – R-13: MGM Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
- Dec 19th – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 Mtg, Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
- Dec 21st – MOAA: CM Chapter [M] Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 11AM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: FEB 1st (HYB)

MEETING LINK

MEETINGS: (formats: HYB "membership" & VCC "staff")

EVENT: RM-4: SCV Chapter Membership Meeting - 12PM

ATTIRE: Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire

PROGRAM: OY 2024 SCV Regular Chapter Program

AGENDA: "QTR-3 SCV Chapter Working Luncheon Activity"

NOTE: "Local Chapter staff meetings (SM) are programmed on a quarterly ("QTR") every 3-month intervals on the 4th Saturday of the designated month) and alternating chapter fellow companion regular hybrid/locale membership meetings ("RM") on selected months without scheduled special events or staff meetings on either the 1st or 2nd Saturday of the designated month).

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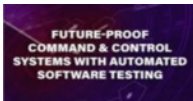
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Defense programs, particularly shipbuilding, will experience high costs and delays if the administration's tariffs target crucial materials, analysts said.

F-35s with new electronic warfare system make their debut in the UK
In Japan, a more muted cheering for the British-led GCAP warplane



Amid Houthi threats, a mysterious airstrip appears on Yemen's island
How Trump's Air Force pick could elevate space priorities

Army tries out next-gen hybrid tactical vehicle prototype in Germany

Polish general fired after anti-tank mines found in base warehouse

Army to competitively develop Next-Gen Command-and-Control prototype

Slovakia considers CV9020 Leopard to replace Soviet-era tanks

Pentagon

Power generation challenges could overshadow Stargate AI initiative
Pentagon officials said the U.S. lacks the energy resources and computing power to support the new infrastructure -- and solving that problem won't be easy.



Lloyd Austin ends term marred by Afghanistan but buoyed by Ukraine
Defense Secretary Austin will bid farewell Friday following a term that included three major military crises, a global pandemic and a brush with cancer.



On the way out, DOD officials ask: How to fix America's war machine?
The U.S. has begun rebuilding its defense industry, though critics charge it hasn't moved fast enough.

Pentagon announces slate of new officials for second Trump term
The 23 leaders will absorb the department while its top officials await Senate confirmation.

Trump's Pentagon should expand innovation hub, tech panel says
The Defense Innovation Board says DOD needs a bigger budget and more infrastructure to help guide nontraditional firms to scale technology.

Trump's pick to lead Pentagon spurs with Dems at confirmation hearing
Former FOX News host Pete Hegseth billed himself as an unconventional pick to shake up Pentagon operations.

Naval



China commissions new-generation frigate as competition rises with US
The ship has a displacement of approximately 5,000 tons and includes stealth technology, combat command systems and firepower integration.

Norway, France vow closer defense ties as Naval Group eyes rigate biz

Turkish navy vows strategic ambitions with Mav Yatan 2025 drill

India launches submarine, warships to counter China in Indian Ocean

Report: Chinese scientists have tumbled in undersea cable-cutting tech

Space



Why the US Navy wants to build a fully autonomous satellite
The system, called Astroweb, can track, calibrate its signals and send and receive information on its own without the need for a human operator.

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VIDEO



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National Security

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Experts say the businessman-turned-president has even more entanglements this time around.
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NOTABLE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



Contact the Santa Cruz Valley Chapter and your local district youth leadership development organizations today for a complete listing of scheduled activities in your local community and surrounding areas.

ACTIVITY ACCOLADES:

PROGRAM CONTACTS:

AJROTC Events – For an update on local Rio Rico HS Army JROTC activities and information please contact LTC Ronnie St. Clair at rstclair@scv35.org Program Website – <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcriorico/>

- 15 JAN USAF Career Day Brief, Rio Rico, AZ
- 17 JAN Sahuarita HS Massing of the Colors, Sahuarita, AZ
- 22 JAN Davis-Monahan AFB Honor Guard Tour, Tucson, AZ
- 24 JAN Marksmanship AZ State 3 Par 3x20 (Ben Avery), Rio Rico, AZ
- 25 JAN Huachuca Drill Meet (Buena HS), Vail, AZ
- 29 JAN Girls Basketball Concessions, Rio Rico, AZ
- 31 JAN 3rd Annual Hawkeye Shootout (3x20), Sahuarita, AZ

NJROTC Events – For an update on local Sahuarita HS Navy JROTC activities and information please contact Commander Bradley Roberson, USN (ret.) at broberson@sahuarita.k12.az.us

- 11 JAN SHS Make A Difference Day, Sahuarita, AZ
- 12 JAN Area 21 Regional Orienteering Meet, San Dimas, CA
- 17 JAN MOWW Massing of the Colors, Sahuarita, AZ
- 18 JAN MOWW R-13 Winter Conference Color Guard, Tucson, AZ
- 17 JAN Color Guard State of the District, Sahuarita, AZ
- 19 JAN Band Concert Event Support, Green Valley, AZ

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December 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 PEARL HARBOR OBSERVANCE	2 WOW Weekly HYB	3	4 NCSC VCC MTG	5 CINC PUERTO RICO CHAPTER VISIT	6	7 UAV VCC
8	9 WOW Weekly HYB	10	11 EXCOM VCC MTG TVAC VCC MTG	12 CFWE EVENT	13	14 RM-3 SCV CH MTG
15	16 BSA COH EVENT WOW Weekly HYB	17 VAC VCC MTG MGMCH VCC MTG	18	19 NCSC VCC MTG ALOV POST 132	20	21 PHX CH MTG GELP HYB MTG WINTER SOLSTICE
22	23 PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28
29	30 WOW Weekly HYB	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE				

January 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4 UAV VCC MTG
5	6 THREE KINGS DAY WOW Weekly HYB	7	8 NCSC VCC MTG TVAC VCC MTG	9 CAC VCC MTG	10	11 WV CH MTG
12	13 MLK JR. DAY PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	14 EXCOM VCC MTG	15 MOWW SEMINAR VCC MTG	16 ALOV 132	17 SCV MOC-2	18 R-13 WINTER CONFERENCE - 2025
19	20 WOW Weekly HYB	21 VAC VCC MTG MGMCH VCC MTG	22	23	24 PHOENICIAN AWD	25 CS CH MTG
26	27 WOW Weekly HYB	28	29	30	31 SPC VCC MTG	



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Ps 119-Selected verses

"The Lord exists forever; your word is firmly fixed in heaven. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end."

The holidays are over and here we are at the beginning of the 25th year of our century. How it got here so fast is a mystery. It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating Y2K. Yet here we are, ready for 365 days to start living life and praising God. We may not know what this year holds, but we know for sure our Lord knows. Let this be a year we greet each day with thanks for all the blessings God has showered on us. Even in hard times we are assured that God is with us and in the worst times, He carries us. In all things give thanks and praise the Lord. Happy New Year!!!

Chaplain Jean



Our Chapter welcomes fellow MOWW companion HPM Gloria Jean Nelson, who has transitioned over from the former Catalina Mountains Chapter in East Tucson. Jean served three years as the chapter's commander and chaplain. Jean has graciously accepted to fill our Santa Cruz Valley Chapter (AZ-193) Chaplain position vacancy. In anticipation of her welcoming, our Chapter Newsletter will now provide a dedicated Chaplain's Corner page segment in every monthly edition beginning with this edition.

COMPANION CORNER

Companion Membership Anniversaries

December Anniversaries:

- Robert A. Anderson, PM (27 years)
- Ira W. Austin, PM (37 years)
- Franklin Barrett, PM (44 years)
- Thomas P. Bent, HPM (42 years)
- Hamilton R. Caitlin, RM (43 years)
- Christine M. Cataldo, HPM (26 years)
- William L. Cataldo, HPM (27 years)
- John T. Curtiss, Jr., RM (1 years)
- Clifford I. Franks, RM (5 years)
- Russell M. Heller, PM (46 years)
- Calvin J. Kadous, PM (39 years)
- C. E. Kerwin, PM (45 years)
- Vernon A. Langberg, PM (47 years)
- Gregory T. Largen, RM (8 years)
- Lori A. Largen, RM (8 years)
- Albert Leibovitz, PM (49 years)
- William M. McMahon, PM (40 years)
- Robert R. Meier, PM (20 years)
- William H. Montgomery, PM (39 years)
- Connaught O'Sullivan, PM (46 years)
- Elizabeth J. Oxnam, PM (15 years)
- Henry C. Perkins, HPM (56 years)
- Gilbert Procter, PM (45 years)
- Helen I. Rostonowski, PM (46 years)
- Kimberly A. Santo, HPM (34 years)
- Carl C. Sheets, PM (42 years)
- Donald W. Shepperd, PM (28 years)
- Irene M. Stockder, PM (45 years)
- Rose V. Straley, PM (46 years)
- Francisco J. Trejo, RM (5 years)
- John M. Truesdell, PM (65 years)
- Madeline M. Ullom, PM (46 years)
- Lu Helen Van Antwerp, HPM (34 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

December Anniversaries:

- Agnes E. Ballard, PM (remembered on the 25th)
- Louis A. Chaboya, PM (celebrated on the 14th)
- Robert M. Easton, HPM (celebrated on the 19th)
- Manuel F. Gatica, PM (celebrated on the 2nd)
- Scott C. Kadous, HPM (celebrated on the 11th)
- Scott P. Kellen, PM (celebrated on the 17th)
- Katerine G. Knez-Phillips, HPM (remembered on the 16th)
- Pedro Larribas, RM (celebrated on the 26th)
- Andrew P. Meshel, PM (celebrated on the 4th)
- Robert R. Meier, PM (remembered on the 7th)
- Norman W. Richmond, PM (remembered on the 21st)
- Herman D. Schiller, PM (celebrated on the 16th)
- Charles A. Ulery, PM (remembered on the 12th)

Companion Membership Anniversaries

January Anniversaries:

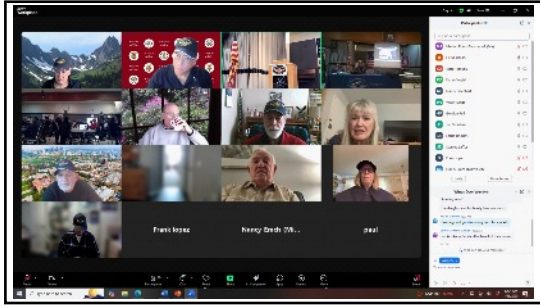
- Arnold V. Anderson, PM (38 years)
- Dolores R. Bahti, HPM (22 years)
- Leo J. Boice, PM (40 years)
- Shannon D. Brown, PM (46 years)
- Robert W. Dalrymple, PM (49 years)
- Jacquelynn R.W. Egan, HPM (12 years)
- Charles E. Galloway, PM (22 years)
- Ralph D. Gibson, PM (47 years)
- Maurice J. Halper, PM (45 years)
- Anthony L. Kadous, HPM (38 years)
- Calvin J. Kadous, PM (40 years)
- Scott C. Kadous, HPM (38 years)
- Thomas C. Kadous, PM (38 years)
- Walter B. Kadous, HPM (38 years)
- Alton L. McCormick, III, PM (33 years)
- John F. Newall, PM (46 years)
- Vern T. Pall, PM (31 years)
- Simran Patil, PM (4 years)
- Dale V. Pederson, PM (44 years)
- Marcus A. Peel, PM (42 years)
- D'Anne L. Pientka, HPM (25 years)
- Dolores R. Rivas, HPM (22 years)
- Donald R. Schessler, PM (29 years)
- Herman D. Schiller, PM (36 years)
- Irving D. Schneider, PM (39 years)
- K. W. Schoenwether, PM (59 years)
- Ronnie D. St. Clair, PM (8 years)
- William F. Stevens, PM (36 years)
- David L. Swartz, PM (37 years)
- Patrick G. Timberlake, HPM (38 years)
- George H. Walters, PM (40 years)
- Henry L. Woodson, PM (38 years)
- Jorge E. Zequeira, PM (8 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

January Birthdays:

- Barbara J. Cataldo, HPM (celebrated on the 11th)
- Jose Chacon-Quintero, RM (celebrated on the 9th)
- Theodore L. Cogut, PM (celebrated on the 3rd)
- Thomas J. Faires, PM (remembered on the 24th)
- Arnold J. Jabobsen, RM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Anthony L. Kadous, HPM (celebrated on the 15th)
- Thomas C. Kadous, PM (celebrated on the 15th)
- Alton L. McCormick, III, PM (celebrated on the 17th)
- Gloria J. Nelson, HPM (celebrated on the 18th)
- Bradley W. Roberson, RM (celebrated on the 4th)
- Anthony G. Sarah, HPM (celebrated on the 24th)
- Matthew R. Tank, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Kit K. Workman, RM (celebrated on the 27st)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



VSO-1: WOW Weekly HYB MTG - JAN 2025

The Wings Over Wendy's (WOW) non-profit organization is among our most supported cross state lines veterans service organizational partnerships. WOW meets weekly each Monday morning at 9:30 AM (PST). Their hybrid format meetings helps propagate military service heritage and shares aviation history and legacy with younger generations of enthusiast. WOW maintains a consistent interesting weekly guest speaker program, and supports both community attending local veteran service organizations and civic causes.



VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC MTG - JAN 2025

Our Santa Cruz Valley Chapter is a contributing and standing member of the United Arizona Veterans (UAV) non-profit organization - similar to our VA Council in Tucson, based in Phoenix. They meet monthly via ZOOM live streaming and have over 60 veteran service organizations, veteran community partners and associated civic organizational support members. They also manage the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame program and serve as active advocates for all veteran causes with local government and associated agencies.



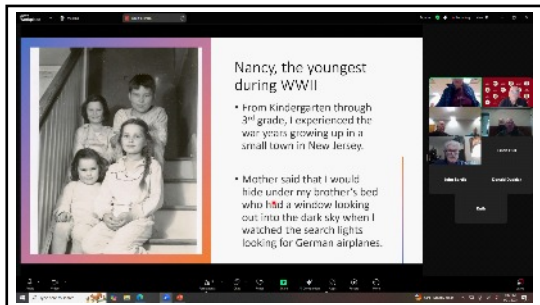
MOWW: CAC Quarterly VCC MTG - JAN 2025

Our Chapter also participates and is represented in the MOWW Council of Area Commanders (CAC) mid-level management echelon of operations. The CAC is comprised of ten regional geographical areas of responsibility headed each by a regional commander, his staff and supported by several local community area chapter commanders. With the introduction of online ZOOM services, regional coordination has been greatly simplified and streamlined to more responsive coordination efforts throughout the entire country.



R-13: Annual Winter Conference 2025 - JAN 2025

Region XIII hosted its Winter Conference this year as a hybrid event (hosting both a traditional locale venue program and online business meeting streaming session). The conference offered a timely preview of some of the services, capabilities, itinerary activities and tours to be offered on a grander scale at the annual MOWW National Convention 2025 event in Tucson this operating year. In two days, conference participants balanced business and personal pleasures, with tours, experience a local MOC, and attend a dinner-show.



R-13: MG Miles Chapter Monthly HYB MTG - JAN 2025

Known for their outstanding invited speakers program, the MG Miles Chapter in Los Alamos hosted their JAN 2025 monthly hybrid meeting at the Los Alamos, New Mexico (NM) grounds and featured another great presentation from their awesome membership base offering a personal recounting of the World War II years from the eyes of a child living in New Jersey. Our fellow companions from NM never disappoint, as all their meetings are also transmitted online using ZOOM live streaming and is also digitally recorded.



R-13: CS Chapter Monthly HYB MTG - JAN 2025

Our chapter was represented through our Adjutant Officer, Lt Col (RET) Marlon Ruiz, who traveled on 26 JAN to Colorado Springs, CO to represent the MOWW Commander-in-Chief (CINC) at an awards presentation during the Colorado Springs Chapter regular membership meeting. He presented the Phoenician Award national essay contest winner and runner up student scholars with citations, along with a congratulatory letter from the CINC and a monetary award. Both award recipients also received BPHs.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

An Unusual Forecast

As you may have guessed from my recent article, the AT-6 is a favorite aircraft. Thoughts of the T-6 now bring me to the year 1949. One day, I had briefed several pilots when a second lieutenant wanted to fly to Traverse City, about 300 miles from our Selfridge Field base. Upon my giving him the flight weather, he thumbed through the hourly sequences of weather observations, yellow pages the weather observer had torn off a teletype roll. These were posted on a clipboard attached to a counter in the weather briefing area. We forecasters referred to the sequences upon a pilot giving his flight destination. They now showed all stations on or near his route as being VFR (visual flight rules). But I knew a trough of lower pressure in Wisconsin, having no weather, was about to make its way across Lake Michigan. My calculation: He would land at Traverse City at the time I was forecasting the trough's arrival there with a thunderstorm. He left, saying said he would come back to see if the weather got better. He came back several times. Each time, the new sequences showed the same perfect weather, *except for my predicted thunderstorm*. Across the street, there was a coffee shop. He walked there for coffee and time to think about his flight. Upon return, the weather was still perfect except for my troublesome prediction. Having talked with him long enough to believe he would exercise adequate caution and advising he should be

looking for other places to land if needed, I signed his clearance. After being in flight two hours, a weather sequence showed Traverse City with thunderstorm.

In accordance with Air Weather Service's new procedure: Flight Following, I checked with Base Ops. No contact with the T-6. At my next check, Base Ops still had nothing. Needless to say, I didn't sleep well that night. The next day, I bought a copy of the Detroit News. No story there about a T-6 crashing nor did Marie hear of any on our home

radio. Back on shift, days had gone by when, surprisingly, the lieutenant again walked up to my weather briefing counter. Wanting

me to share in the exhilaration of that flight, with a broad and sheepish smile he said, "The next time you tell me about the weather, I'm going to listen carefully." He had seen dark clouds ahead and wisely made a decision to safely land in Reed City, a town not far from Traverse City. It was a forecast older forecasters would have avoided making. This 22-year-old had predicted a dry trough would get ample moisture over Lake Michigan, would intensify its updrafts upon hitting Michigan's hot beach, and thereby create a thunderstorm.

TLC

Photo: Ted's daughter Willa poses on an AT-6.



We welcome fellow Santa Cruz Valley Chapter - 193 companion CWO (RET) Theodore L. "Ted" Cogut, USA to our monthly newsletter writing staff contributor team for the new year. Ted transferred his chapter membership affiliation over to our chapter from the former Catalina Mountains Chapter which operated out of east Tucson until this past June 2022 when they ceased operations. Ted was also a very active chapter newsletter article writer for the CM Chapter, contributing regularly to the "Ted's Page" monthly entry where he routinely provided very interesting and entertaining articles for that publication. With the addition and 2023 launching of Ted's Page to our monthly publication, we hope will further enhance our publication's outreach among our chapter readership and general public outreach appeal. As always, our staff welcomes every opportunity to continue to deliver our MOWW award-winning publication and most importantly your inputs and feedback.

JANUARY IN HISTORY

January 1

New Year's Day - The most celebrated holiday around the world.

January 1, 1502 - Portuguese explorers landed at Guanabara Bay on the coast of South America and named it Rio de Janeiro (River of January). Rio de Janeiro is currently Brazil's second largest city.

January 1, 1660 - Samuel Pepys began his famous diary in which he chronicled life in London including the Great Plague of 1664-65 and the Great Fire of 1666.

January 1, 1776 - During the [American Revolution](#), George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

January 1, 1801 - Ireland was added to Great Britain by an Act of Union thus creating the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

January 1, 1863 - The [Emancipation Proclamation](#) by President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.

January 1, 1877 - Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India.

January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

January 1, 1901 - The Commonwealth of Australia was founded as six former British colonies became six states with Edmund Barton as the first prime minister.

January 1, 1915 - During [World War I](#), the British Battleship *Formidable* was hit by a torpedo in the English Channel, killing 547 crewmen.

January 1, 1942 - Twenty six countries signed the *Declaration of the United Nations*, in Washington, D.C., reaffirming their opposition to the Axis powers and confirming that no single nation would make a separate peace.

January 1, 1958 - The EEC (European Economic Community) known as the Common Market was formed by Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and The Netherlands in order to remove trade barriers and coordinate trade policies.

January 1, 1959 - Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba after leading a revolution that drove out Dictator Fulgencio Batista. Castro then established a Communist dictatorship.

January 1, 1973 - Britain, Ireland and Denmark became members of the Common Market (EEC).

January 1, 1975 - During the Watergate scandal, former top aides to President Nixon including former Attorney General John Mitchell, Domestic Affairs Advisor John Ehrlichman and Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman, were found guilty of obstruction of justice.

January 1, 1979 - China and the U.S. established diplomatic relations, 30 years after the foundation of the People's Republic.

January 1, 1993 - Czechoslovakia broke into separate Czech and Slovak republics.

January 1, 1999 - Eleven European nations began using a new single European currency, the Euro, for electronic financial and business transactions. Participating countries included; Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

Birthday - American Patriot Paul Revere (1735-1818) was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Best known for his ride on the night of April 18, 1775, warning Americans of British plans to raid Lexington and Concord.

Birthday - Betsy Ross (1752-1836) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was a seamstress credited with helping to originate and [sew the Stars and Stripes](#) flag of America in 1776.

January 2

January 2, 1905 - The Russians surrendered to the Japanese after the Battle of Port Arthur during the Russian-Japanese War. A peace conference was later held in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, with President Theodore Roosevelt serving as a mediator.

Geo Challenge Trivia

If winters are a little chilly where you live, imagine what it would be like to live in the American town that has the coldest winters. Can you name this place?

For the answer to this riddle or question go online to <http://www.geomidpoint.com/challenge.html>

FEATURED CHAPTER REPORT

2024-2025 FM-27 MID-YEAR CHAPTER ACTION PLAN UPDATE REPORT

REGION XIII		Category	Mid OY CAR (1 July - 31 Dec)	Chapters						
SG Goal	Question #		Question	Denver CO (SM)	West Valley AZ (SM)	Colorado Springs CO (MED)	MG Miles NM (MED)	Phoenix AZ (MED)	Santa Cruz Valley AZ (MED)	Greater El Paso TX (LG)
SG-4	1	Membership	The chapter met/exceeded its assigned annual recruiting goal?	Answers will be entered by HQ MOWW.						
SG-4	2		# of new Companions recruited i.e., not membership renewals or reinstatements							
SG-4	3		Have chapters continuously equaled or exceeded a 75% veteran-Companion threshold?							
SG-4	4		The Order's Regular Member retention rate was greater than 85%?							
SG-4	5		Has the total number of individual Companion-sponsors of new members increased from the previous operating year?							
SG-4	6	Chapter Meetings	# of general chapter meetings held	2	4	4	6	2	5	5
SG-4	7		Average # of Chapter Companions (i.e., not guests, attending regular chapter meetings)	8	18	23	5	10	10	10
SG-1	8	Community Outreach	# of YLCs Held / Supported	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
SG-1	9		# of YLSs Held	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SG-1	10		# of students the chapter sent to YLCs/YLSs	0	6	0	0	24	11	0
SG-1	11	Chapter Hosted Activities/Events	# of MOCs Held Supported	0	3	0	0	3	4	1
SG-1	12		# of Veterans Affairs Outreach Program	1	3	3	1	3	9	17
SG-1	13		# of Law & Order/First Responder Outreach Program	18	0	1	0	0	0	1
SG-1	14		# of National Security Outreach Program	0	0	0	5	0	6	0
SG-1	15		# of Homeland Security Outreach Program	0	0	0	1	0	6	0
SG-1	16	Awards/Honors to Non-Companions	# of Companions who are actively involved in Chapter Outreach Programs?	4	10	8	1	2	5	15
SG-1	17		# of BSA Awards & Certificates (Eagle, Quartermaster, & Summit)	0	0	0	0	0	5	13
SG-1	18		# of GSUSA Awards & Certificates	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
SG-1	19		# of ROTC Gold / Silver / Bronze Medals of Merit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SG-1	20		# of JROTC Medals of Merit	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
SG-1, SG-3	21	Communications/Marketing	# of Other Awards & Honors	0	17	0	0	12	82	79
SG-2, SG-6	22		Number of Alliances and Partnerships established with local veteran and non-veteran organizations that align with the MOWW	1	6	0	2	7	10	0
SG-3, SG-6	23		The Chapter has a dedicated social media presence	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes
SG-3, SG-6	24		# of Chapter news releases distributed to local media outlets	0	1	0	6	0	2	5
SG-3	25		# of Official Chapter Companion interactions with the local community (Presentations, Events, etc.)	2	3	4	1	2	6	0
SG-4, SG-6	26		# of Submissions published in The Officer Review ("Chapters in Action" or Article)	4	0	4	0	1	1	1
SG-4, SG-6	27		# of Chapter Newsletters (or chapter commander emails, bulletins, etc.) regularly distributed to all chapter Companions	4	2	6	12	5	6	6
SG-5	28	Fundraising	Does the chapter conduct an annual fundraising drive?	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	no
SG-4, SG-6	29	Awards/Honors to Companions	# of Awards and Honors Presented to Companions (SPHM, OSM, ORSM, Award of Merit Plaques, Chapter Awards)	0	0	1	0	1	5	36
SG-6	30		The chapter commander prepared Companions to assume chapter leadership roles?	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	yes
SG-6	31	Chapter Leadership	The chapter commander developed a leadership succession plan?	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	yes

SG-1: OUTREACH Our Chapter outreach program and activities are quite strong and consistent. We are once again on track to achieve our Chapter Action Plan goals for the current 2024-2025 operating year.

SG-2: PARTNERSHIPS Our partnerships remain robust and growing. Inroads include renewal of our local community scouting program support activities and noticeable progress with local law enforcement contacts.

SG-3: SOCIAL MEDIA Our chapter continues to effectively manage our local community traditional communications, while also showing improvement with growing our online social media presence (i.e., Monthly Newsletter, Press Releases, Website, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram presence).

SG-4 RECRUITMENT Our chapter is currently at 166% above its stated operating year (OY) recruitment goal (and still growing) with five months remaining.

SG-5 FUNDRAISING Our chapter fundraising efforts continue year-round and thanks to our Treasurer Officer sound financial stewardship, available funding has been enough to sustain our current operational activities and projects.

SG-6 LEADERSHIP Succession planning continues to be a challenge but not a "show-stopper." Thanks to everyone pitching in to help ease strained fellow companion situations, our chapter continues to perform admirably and remain competitive for national awards consideration.



We thank fellow SCV Chapter companion and current Adjutant Officer Lt Col (RET) Marlon Ruiz, USAF for compiling and presenting our Mid-Year Chapter Activity Plan Update Report - which offers a timely administrative and operational management summary of how we are doing "thus far" halfway through our current 2022-2023 chapter activity season. Fellow companion Ruiz is currently serving his second term as an MOWW Vice Commander-in-Chief for the Order (with oversight responsibilities for the entire southwest geographical Region XIII and the mid-western geographical Region II area of responsibility) and previously served as our chapter commander for 12 years and we are thankful to have him continue to serve our local chapter as our current Adjutant and senior MOWW leadership advisor. Lt Col Ruiz is also serving as our Region XIII committee representative in the national Veterans Affairs Committee, along with his other MOWW higher headquarters corporate responsibilities and commitments.

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Why MOWW?

Is National Security a concern of yours? Is it important to you, for everyone living in America to understand how this Country was founded and the great history it has to tell? Do you believe that our young people need a chance to learn and experience leadership and civics? Do you feel that it is important that every citizen get a chance to not only meet, but ask questions of community, military, and business leaders? Are you concerned that the youth of America do not know how to honor our Flag or understand and respect our democratic principles? Do you agree that "Freedom is not free"?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, you are in good company, because the members of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) say YES to all of them. Some of you might even say, "I want to become involved, how do I join, how do I help?"

Well, there are several ways you can help—the main way is to join the Order, if eligible. Consider supporting the Order by contributing financially to its efforts if you are not eligible to join.

If you have questions regarding MOWW membership, or how to financially contribute to the Order, contact MOWW National Headquarters, or a Chapter in your local area. See MOWW web site for membership application form or to review Chapter locations at www.militaryorder.net



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