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Dear Companions of the Military Order,

As we enter the Order's 100th year, I applaud the chapters and their leaders striving to achieve their recruiting goals. Remember, current, retired or former officers won't spontaneously ask to be recruited—you have to recruit them!

When potential Companions are invited to meetings, ensure they're welcomed and seated with those having similar backgrounds. How can you know this information? As you recruit them, you learn about them—you ask them! In fact, sponsors should introduce new individuals and provide a brief bio of them to those attending the meeting. This is how we become Companions, i.e., we spend time together, learn about each other and achieve success as a team.

Some Companions believe that once a new member signs an application the recruiter-sponsor's job is done. Not true; it's only just begun! Doing selfless things results in involved, motivated Companions. Help members find a chapter role to enable their volunteerism. Complement that with interesting meetings to further stimulate their morale and involvement.

MOWW's five Strategic Goals can help shape chapter outreach programs, e.g., ROTC, scouting, veterans outreach, Massing of the Colors, Youth Leadership Conferences and Youth Education Seminars. Varied chapter programs attract new members, increase involvement, foster pride and aid recruiting.

Achieving success also requires planning, which is where using Chapter Activity Plans (CAP) are invaluable. Use the CAP "How To" guide on MOWW's website to develop yours. One page is long enough. Develop a calendar of events and publish it in the chapter newsletter. Motivate Companions to volunteer to participate in if not lead programs. Annually train chapter officers. Recognize excellence in fellow Companions and in the community. Also, plan on attending the 2019 MOWW Convention in Simi Valley, CA, so we can celebrate the Order's 100th anniversary together!

Last, donate to the CINC Solicitation. Money raised supports MOWW operations, e.g, nationwide ROTC and scouting programs that don't have a local MOWW chapter nearby. You might even donate online—I do!

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Detail from the “The Weight of Sacrifice” by sculptor Sabin Howard for the National World War I Memorial, Pershing Park, Washington, DC.



## PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH

TWELFTH HONORARY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ORDER

12 June 1924–30 November 2018



(L-R): LTG Chilcoat, Past CINCs Col James Elmer, LTC Alfred H. M. Shehab, COL Jack Jones, CAPT Rollie Stevens, President G. H. W. Bush, then-CINC LTG Sam Wetzel.

Throughout the history of the Military Order of the World Wars, the Order has selected and honored certain distinguished Americans with the title of “Honorary Commander-in-Chief” of the Order. Until his passing, President George H. W. Bush was the last living honorary CINC of the Order.

On 7 November, 2008, four Past Commanders-in-Chief joined the current CINC to bestow the honor of “Honorary Commander-in-Chief” on the late Honorable George H. W. Bush, the 41st President of the United States of America. Upon receiving this award, President Bush joined the ranks of such great Americans as Presidents Hoover, Truman, Eisenhower, and Reagan; Generals Pershing, Marshall, Bradley and Westmoreland, and Admirals King, Sims and Radford. On the same day the President was additionally honored, receiving the Gold Patrick Henry Award and taking the oath to join the Order. He became a Perpetual Member of the Dallas, TX, chapter. The MOWW Gold Patrick Henry Award citation read in part: “George H. W. Bush,

forty-first President of the United States of America has distinguished himself as a great leader and patriot and as a great American. He has devoted his life to selfless service of his country.

During WW II as a volunteer Navy pilot, he risked his life in the defense of our freedom. When his aircraft was struck by enemy gunfire, he was forced to bail out and narrowly escaped capture by the Japanese. Following WW II, he became a US Representative from Texas, served as Ambassador to the United Nations, Envoy to China, and Director of Central Intelligence. Following two terms as Vice President for President Ronald Reagan, he was elected President in 1988.

A leader who truly “made a difference,” his accomplishments epitomize the meaning of the word “Patriotism”. The Military Order of the World Wars is proud to recognize President George H. W. Bush for his illustrious career which includes many lifelong contributions to his country, inspired leadership, and outstanding patriotism.”



From 7 Nov, 2008: pictured clockwise from top left: Companion Mrs. Ruth Elmer shares a laugh with President Bush; Past CINC CAPT Stevens presenting the Perpetual Membership lapel pin to President Bush; PCINC Col Elmer and PCINC COL Shehab with President Bush reviewing his Presidential Library and Museum grounds; President Bush with CINC LTG Wetzel upon receipt of Honorary Commander-in-Chief; (center, L-R): Companion Joy Jones, Former First Lady Barbara Bush, Companion Jean Stevens and Companion Ruth Elmer.





## VETERANS DAY WITH THE PERSHING RIFLES GROUP

LTC KEVIN M. UPTON, USA (RET)  
GREATER BOSTON CHAPTER, MA

The day started early and ended late for the Pershing Rifles Group (PRG), the parent organization of the National Society of Pershing Rifles and National Society of Black Jacks, and the National Society of Pershing Angels. Together, they comprise the nation's foremost military honor societies for college and secondary school ROTC cadets and women in the military, respectively. The PRG entered into a Memorandum of Mutual Support with MOWW in 2016 to further the mutual interests of both organizations, each of which share a common heritage inspired by General of The Armies John J. Pershing.



Top: Pershing Rifles Group (PRG) Staff insignia.

Left: WWI poster "Berlin or Bust—Pershing in France," by E. G. Renesch, depicts General Pershing in command of the American Expeditionary Forces.

The long day was 11 November 2018, a date that took on special significance this year since it marked not only Veterans Day but also the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. The late General Pershing, of course, commanded the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), which spearheaded the final offensive that ended hostilities after some four bloody years. Many regard that final campaign as Pershing's finest hour.

With the national leaderships of the PRG and its member

organizations looking on, the tradition of the PRG's active participation in the annual MOWW Veterans Day afternoon wreath laying at General Pershing's Arlington National Cemetery gravesite continued.

But this day began in the morning with the official centennial observance of the World War I armistice, held at the Washington National Cathedral. It ended with the world premiere that evening of "Pershing's Paths to Glory" at the ornate AFI Silver Theater in Silver Spring, MD. This is a PRG-inspired documentary film that chronicles key moments in General Pershing's life and career as seen through the eyes of current-day Pershing Rifles and Black Jacks cadets who traveled to key locales in General Pershing's life in making the film—from his boyhood home in Missouri to the still-scarred battlefields of France.

One of the highlights of the morning interfaith service at the National Cathedral was the inspiring performance of an eight-cadet color guard provided by the Pershing Rifles, Company C, 8th Regiment, at the University of Maryland. Carrying the official Joint Armed Forces Colors with battle streamers, the Pershing Rifles color guard slowly filed up the main aisle at solemn 74 steps per minute cadence to the strains of Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," played on the cathedral's 1938 Great Organ consisting of 10,647 pipes. The cadets then presented the colors during the playing of the National Anthem, next posting the colors with all of the dignity and precision befitting with occasion.

More than 1,500 spectators looked on. These included high-ranking US government officials, Ambassadors of the World War I Allied nations, i.e., those nations allied in opposition to the Central Powers, members of the US World War I Centennial Commission, Mrs. Sandra Sinclair Pershing, the granddaughter-in-law of General Pershing and President Emeritus of the Pershing Rifles Group, and Mrs. Helen Patton, the granddaughter of GEN George S. Patton, Jr. GEN Patton was a Pershing protégé who commanded a newly-established tank brigade during the war.

Also looking on were Cadets Maximilian Curtis (Kansas State University), the Pershing Rifles National Commander, Matthew Waddell (Appalachian State University), the National Chief of Staff, and Mr. Chris Scheuremann, the PRG's Chief Executive Officer.

The emotionally-moving service ended much as it began, with the Pershing Rifles color guard retiring the colors, then filing down the long center aisle, this time in total silence while maintaining a perfect, solemn cadence.

The Pershing Rifles color guard was led by Cadet Daoyou Zhou--a junior Criminology major--who also serves as the Pershing Rifles Deputy National Commander. Following the event, Zhou stated that the team logged over 35 hours of practice and preparation over the past month, often during the pre-dawn hours and on weekends. "We wanted to ensure that our performance was one that would honor all who served and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice during The Great War." The color guard also included cadets Jung Oh, Myranda Hinkson, Andre Andrada, Tolya Yu, Andrea Wilson, Santiago Vallinas, Bernadette Hargis and Punit Patel.

The morning cathedral service complete, it was on to Arlington National Cemetery for the annual wreath-laying and memorial service at Pershing's gravesite. Representatives from the Allied nations of World War I, the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) and other veterans service organizations presented wreaths. Additional wreaths were placed by Cadet Curtis on behalf of the National Society of Pershing Rifles, Carson Klaas and Tai Drian Beatty on behalf of



A moving entrance by Pershing Rifles Co. C-8 from the University of Maryland (College Park) performed at the Opening Ceremony Honor Guard for the World War I Armistice Centennial Sacred Service at the Washington National Cathedral on 11 Nov 18. View the Pershing Rifles' video posted at <https://youtu.be/6eXcnOtm4uI>

the National Society of Black Jacks, COL Sharon Gresham, USA (Ret) for the National Society of Pershing Angels and Mr. Brian Cox for the Pershing Rifles national alumni.

A MOWW wreath was also placed at the gravesite of Corporal Frank W. Buckles, the last World War I veteran to pass who, ironically, was born in the same town (Laclede, MO) as General Pershing. Corporal Buckles is buried within steps of his World War I commander.

Colors were presented by the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard and, in a further tribute to General Pershing, musical accompaniment was provided by an ensemble from the US Army Band, known as "Pershing's Own," in recognition of the fact that the unit was established by General of the Armies Pershing during his years as Army Chief of Staff. A highlight of the ceremony was an emotional rendition of "My Buddy," sung by vocalist SFC Brendan Curran, USA. The song is a tribute to the fallen Soldiers of World War I and was a favorite of General Pershing.

A significant addition to this year's ceremony was a ceremony inducting 21 new members of the National Society of Black Jacks, the secondary school counterpart of the National Society of Pershing Rifles. They took their membership oaths just feet from the grave of their inspiration





and patron. Of the new inductees, 10 were from Camden Military Academy, in Camden, SC, and 11 from Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy, in Elizabethtown, NC.

Finally, it was on to the AFI Silver Theater and Cultural Center, in the heart of Silver Spring, MD.

This historic theater was carefully restored to its former art deco grandeur by the American Film Institute, which now owns and operates the theater.



The showing was open to the public and was well-attended. In addition, many distinguished

guests were present, including the MG Alfred A. Valenzuela, USA (Ret), a member of the US World War One Centennial Commission, along with Ms. Pershing and Ms. Patton. Other guests included Mr. Joe Hartnett and Dr. Dayle Hartnett, from the Pacific Film Foundation, who, respectively, directed and produced the documentary.

Prior to the showing of the film, students from Pershing Rifles, Company J, 8th Regiment, and Pershing Angels Company J-8-5—both from Morgan State University—presented the national colors during the playing of the National Anthem. The color guard was led by Cadet James Harried—a senior Civil Engineering major. The team also included Cadets Leon Carter, Emma Murray, Gentry Harris and Kaela Pone.

“To represent Morgan State University, Pershing Rifles and Pershing Angels so well during such a momentous occasion for this exemplary film on Veteran’s Day and the centennial of the end of

World War I is something that these cadets and future officers will never forget,” said Brian Cox (MSU ‘05), National President of the Pershing Rifles Alumni Association. “They provided the perfect introduction to this story, told on a day that we honor those who served our country so well.”

The showing was immediately followed by a panel discussion moderated by COL Jack Lichtenstein, USA (Ret), a Pershing Rifles alumnus from Boston University. While a cadet there, he served as a Pershing Rifles battalion commander with the late Colonel John W. Pershing, one of General Pershing’s two grandsons, serving as his Executive Officer.

Panel members included MOWW Companion and former Army Captain David Poe, a past Pershing Rifles cadet National Commander, who earned a Bronze Star for valor and a Purple Heart in Afghanistan. Now a civilian, Mr. Poe personally led the cadets along Pershing’s paths of glory during the making of the film and provided authoritative historical insights. Other panel members included Ms. Pershing, the executive producer, producer Dayle Hartnett and director Joe Hartnett, and cast members Kevin Collins-Nelson, Victoria-Rose Reid and John Branch.

In addition to describing their experiences in the making of the film, panel members also fielded several incisive questions from audience members, including several involving General Pershing’s orchestration of the massive and then-unprecedented logistics effort behind the deployment and sustainment of the AEF, Pershing’s strategy underlying the decisive Meuse-Argonne offensive, and lasting impacts of The Great War on American society.

At the end of a very long day, it remained clear that while General of the Armies John J. Pershing and his World War I doughboys may be gone, they are far from forgotten. ★

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*Editor’s Note: Mr. Chris Scheuermann, the Chief Executive Officer of the Pershing Rifles Group (PRG), recently announced that LTC Upton will be honored as the Chair Emeritus of the PRG for his outstanding work with that organization.*



**About the Pershing Rifles Group** The Pershing Rifles Group (PRG) is the parent organization that provides guidance and support for several military-oriented voluntary organizations, inspired by General of the Armies John J. Pershing. These supported organizations are located at educational institutions across the nation. It is also a Commemoration Partner of the United States World War One Centennial Commission.

**About the Pershing Rifles** The National Society of Pershing Rifles has long been the nation's foremost military honor society for ROTC cadets and midshipmen. It traces its origins to an elite cadet unit established at the University of Nebraska in 1891 by then-Lieutenant John J. Pershing. General Pershing is the only person ever to hold the rank of General of the Armies of the United States while on active duty. Today, Pershing Rifles units operate on 52 college campuses across the United States

**About the Blackjacks** The National Society of Blackjacks is a secondary school Junior ROTC leadership program established 1967. It, too, is based on the example of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. The Blackjacks are the high school counterpart of the National Society of Pershing Rifles.

**About the Pershing Angels** The National Society of Pershing Angels is the oldest continuously operating military-oriented college organization for women in the military. It focuses on military drill, social and service activities to foster a spirit of friendship and cooperation among students and alumni.



John J. Pershing (front, center) stands with his staff in 1892 at the University of Nebraska where he was the head of the school's military cadet program. Source: Lincoln "Journal Star"



# PERSHING APPEARS AT ANNUAL MEMORIAL

PCINC LTC RUTH L. HAMILTON, USA (RET)  
GEN MEADE CHAPTER

The General of the Armies John J. “Blackjack” Pershing Memorial Ceremony took place on a sunny but cool Veterans Day afternoon at Arlington National Cemetery in Section 34 next to General Pershing’s gravesite. MOWW’s General Meade Chapter organized the ceremony, which was attended by many Companions and embassy attachés representing the United States’ Allies during WWI.

PCINC COL Bert Rice of the Gen Meade Chapter again led the planning committee for this superb and much-anticipated ceremony, this year being his last. The ceremony required the committee to conduct detailed planning and coordination with cemetery administrators, the Military District of Washington, and other Veterans Service Organizations.

In addition, the Chief of Staff, MOWW, coordinated the event with the embassies and military attachés of all of the United States’ WWI Allies. Beginning in 2019, COL Ken McCreedy will lead the chapter’s planning efforts supporting this event.

The ceremony began with a musical prelude by “Pershing’s Own,” The United States Army Band. The General Meade Chapter’s Senior Vice Commander, COL McCreedy, was the Master of Ceremonies. Companion Chaplain (LTC) Stephen Pratel, gave the invocation. The Joint Armed Forces Color Guard of the Military District of Washington conducted the presentation and retirement of colors and assisted with the wreath laying later in the program.

General Meade Chapter Commander, LTC Dennis Chojnowski, read the Preamble to the MOWW



Constitution. Mr. Bob Quackenbush, Deputy Chief of Staff for Arlington National Cemetery, warmly welcomed all attendees to the annual ceremony.

Next, Companion BG Guy Sands inducted a group of JROTC cadets into the National Society of Blackjacks. SFC Brendan Curran, a vocalist from “Pershing’s Own” band sang a beautiful rendition of one of General Pershing’s favorite songs, “My Buddy.” Next, CINC LTC John Hollywood

presented remarks about the ceremony and about General of the Armies Pershing being the inspiration for the establishment of the Military Order of the World Wars.

A special aspect of this year’s ceremony immediately followed, i.e., the distinguished guest speaker himself—General Pershing himself (, i.e., Mr. Chas Rittenhouse, Sr., a Pershing reenactor and historian). Mr. Rittenhouse portrayed General Pershing perfectly and gave an excellent talk about his (Pershing’s) experiences during WWI—including highlighting the untold sacrifices made by soldiers from the Allied nations who fought under him. In addition to having General Pershing in WWI uniform, Mr. Patrick Fuller (a reenactor) wore an authentic enlisted American “Doughboy” uniform of the era.

Importantly, attachés representing the WWI Allied nations, several US Veterans Service Organizations and professional military associations participated in a colorful wreath-laying ceremony—including

## GAS PERSHING MEMORIAL CEREMONY

four cadets from the French Military Academy, Saint-Cyr, who were part of the French delegation. CINC LTC Hollywood was the first to lay a wreath on behalf of MOWW and as the host organization. The Chapter Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Adjutant of the Northern Virginia Chapter, i.e., PCINC CAPT Russell Vowinkel, COL John Whidden and Brig Gen Arthur Morrill, respectively, also laid a wreath. LTC Gregg Giesler, Commander of the MG Miles Chapter (NM) was also in attendance,



as were Companions from nearby chapters. Several Companions from the Gen Meade Chapter placed wreaths for other VSOs with which they are affiliated.

As the sun began to set, the somber notes of “Taps” cut through the crisp air to symbolize the end of the day, attendees recalled fallen heroes.

COL McCreedy concluded the memorial ceremony following the benediction by Chaplain (LTC) Pratel. It was, as always, a deeply-moving experience. ★



General Pershing reviewing the 369th Infantry Regiment, formerly known as the 15th New York National Guard Regiment. The 369th was an infantry regiment of the New York Army National Guard during World War I (and World War II). The Regiment consisted mainly of African Americans and was nicknamed the “Black Rattlers.” The nickname “Men of Bronze” was given to the regiment by the French and “Hell-fighters” was given to them by the Germans. During WWI, the 369th spent 191 days in front-line trenches—more than any other American unit—receiving a regimental Croix de Guerre in addition to numerous individual awards of the same medal. They also suffered the most losses of any American regiment with 1,500 casualties, receiving only 900 replacements.



# THE BATTLE OF VIRGINIA CAPES

CAPT THOMAS J. MARSHALL, JR., USN (RET)  
SAN DIEGO CHAPTER, CA



The Battle of Virginia Capes, by V. Zveg (1781). Naval History and Heritage Command Hampton Roads Naval Museum (VA).

A historical event of overwhelming importance to American Independence occurred on 5 September 1781. On that date, a battle that helped to determine the outcome of the American Revolution occurred. It is known as the Battle of the Virginia Capes.

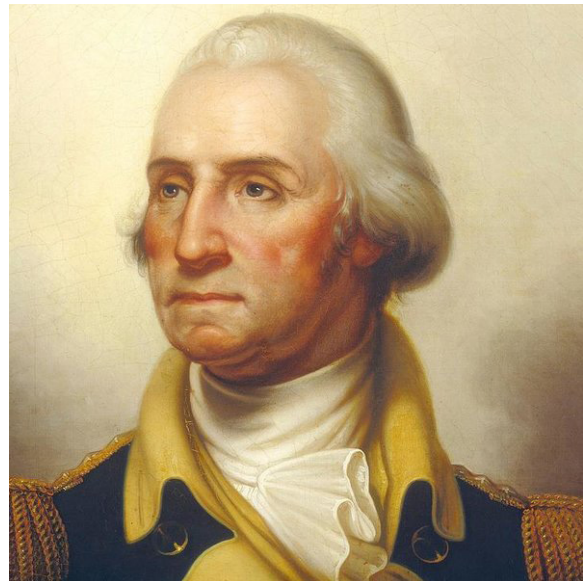
Unfortunately, this battle, despite its significance, is virtually unknown to the average American today. To understand this event's significance, it is necessary to review the strategic situation in America in the late spring and summer of 1781.

At that time, the British were making their main effort in Virginia. British and Loyalist forces, initially under the command of Benedict Arnold, began ravishing the Virginia countryside. They drove the colonial government from its capital of Williamsburg to Richmond. They were opposed by the Virginia militia and a small force of colonial regulars commanded by the Marquis de Lafayette. These small forces were able to fend off the British but not defeat them.

In May 1781 British General Charles Earl Cornwallis arrived in Virginia with his army of nearly 8,000 men after marching north through North Carolina, ravaging the country as he went.



Charles Cornwallis, 1st Marquess Cornwallis KG, PC. Portrait by John Singleton Copley, circa 1795. Cornwallis was possibly the most capable British general in the American Revolutionary War, but he was more important for his achievements as British governor-general of India (1786–93, 1805) and viceroy of Ireland (1798–1801).



General George Washington. Portrait by Rembrandt Peale. Washington was one of the Founding Fathers and the first President of the United States (1789–1797). He commanded US forces during the American Revolutionary War and led them to victory over the British. Washington also presided at the Constitutional Convention of 1787, which established the new federal government.

Upon his arrival, he took command of all British and Loyalist forces. After occupying Williamsburg, Cornwallis awaited instructions from the overall British Commander in North America, General Sir Henry Clinton, who was based in New York. He was ordered to occupy and fortify a deep water port and await reinforcement and supplies. He then marched to Yorktown on the York River approximately 10 miles north of Williamsburg and began to build fortifications.

While this was happening, the main American Army under General George Washington was in northern New Jersey. The American's main ally, France, had recently landed an army of approximately 5,500 men, under the Comte de Rochambeau at Newport, Rhode Island, and asked Washington for instructions.

Washington was in somewhat of a strategic dilemma. Counting French troops, he now had the largest force of the war under his command, approximately 9,500 men. The question was, "Where should they be employed?" They could either be employed to attack the British forces in New York City, the largest city in the colonies





François Joseph Paul, Comte de Grasse, was a career French officer who achieved the rank of admiral. He is best known for his command of the French fleet at the Battle of the Chesapeake in 1781 in the last year of the American Revolutionary War. It led directly to the British surrender at Yorktown and helped gain the rebels' victory.

and the headquarters of all British forces in North America or they could go south to attack Cornwallis' forces in Virginia. Washington and Rochambeau marched their forces to White Plains, New York where they studied the British defenses of New York and considered their options.

Rochambeau favored attacking Cornwallis in Virginia and Washington favored attacking New York. Rochambeau rightly pointed out that either option would require the use of the French Fleet under Rear Admiral Francois Joseph Paul, Comte de Grasse. Rochambeau then dispatched a message to de Grasse who was then enroute to Haiti, the main French base in the West Indies. In his message, de Grasse explained the situation and his preference for attacking Virginia.

Upon his receipt of the note, de Grasse replied on 15 August 1781 that he was setting sail for the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia. When this information reached Washington and de Grasse on 19 August 1781, they immediately started south with 4,000 French troops and 3,000 Americans. Washington left 1,500 French and 1,000 American troops behind to keep the British in New York busy.

When de Grasse set sail for the Chesapeake with his fleet of 28 ships of the line and transports carrying 3,200 French troops, he sent a message to Admiral Comte de Barras-Saint Laurent commanding the French Fleet anchored at Newport, Rhode Island. In that message, de Grasse asked de Barras to meet him at the Chesapeake. In response, de Barras then sailed for the Chesapeake with eight ships of the line, four frigates and 18 transports carrying siege guns and equipment.

The British Fleet under the command of Admiral George Brydges Rodney had been following de Grasse across the Atlantic hoping to bring him to battle. When it arrived in the Caribbean Sea, de Grasse had already left for the Chesapeake. Rodney dispatched Rear Admiral Samuel Hood and four ships of the line to the Chesapeake to search for de Grasse. He arrived there on 25 August 1781, before de Grasse, who took a more circuitous route to deceive the British as to his intentions. Hood, finding no French ships in Chesapeake Bay, left two frigates to patrol the bay and left with the remainder of his fleet for New York.



Admiral Lord George Bridges Rodney, 1st Baron Rodney. He is best known for his commands in the American War of Independence, particularly his victory over the French at the Battle of the Saintes in 1782. It is often claimed that he was the commander to have pioneered the tactic of "breaking the line."

De Grasse, who arrived in the Chesapeake on 30 August 1781, drove off the British frigates and anchored in the mouth of the bay. He then began unloading the 3,200 troops he carried and they marched to Yorktown to join the siege of Cornwallis. Cornwallis and his troops were now cut off in Yorktown. He immediately dispatched a message to Clinton in New York reporting the presence of the French Fleet and requesting assistance.

When this information reached New York, Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Graves left immediately with five ships of the line to relieve Cornwallis. Enroute, he rendezvoused with Hood and taking his ships under command headed for Virginia with 19 ships of the line bearing 1410 heavy guns.

On 5 September 1781, Graves arrived at the mouth of the Chesapeake off Cape Henry at 0930. When Graves was sighted, de Grasse immediately weighed anchor and proceeded to engage him in battle. He set sail with 24 ships of the line, with 1542 guns, leaving four ships of the line to protect the transports which were still unloading their troops and supplies.

It took most of the day for de Grasse to maneuver close enough to the British to bring them under fire. At 1600 de Grasse opened fire. For the next two hours, the fleets exchanged fire. Approximately one third of each fleet never closed to firing range due to the prevailing winds and shoals.

Finally, dusk put an end to the firing and each fleet bore off to the southeast pushed by the prevailing winds. In the battle, the French suffered 220 men killed or wounded and two ships seriously damaged. The British lost 90 killed, 246 wounded and five ships damaged, one of which was scuttled the following day.

For the next two days, the British Fleet sailed south eastward as it tried to repair its battle damage while being shadowed by the French. During this time, Admiral de Barras-Saint Laurent arrived and entered the bay with his fleet carrying the siege guns and equipment for the siege of Yorktown. After two days of repairs at sea, Admiral Graves decided that his fleet was too seriously damaged to attempt any further battle and sailed



Sir Thomas Graves KB (c. 1747 – 18 March 1814) was an officer of the Royal Navy who rose to the rank of admiral after service in the Seven Years' War, the American War of Independence, and the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars.

back to New York to obtain reinforcements. Meanwhile, de Grasse and de Barras continued to blockade the mouth of the Chesapeake, completely cutting off Cornwallis from any hope of resupply or reinforcement.

Finally, as the combined American and French forces closed in for the kill at Yorktown, Cornwallis surrendered on 17 October 1781, two days before Graves sailed from New York with a large fleet, 25 ships of the line, carrying supplies and reinforcements (7,000 men). When they arrived in Virginia, the French Fleet was gone, as was Cornwallis' army. They returned to New York.

Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown effectively sealed Britain's defeat in the Revolutionary War. Cornwallis' surrender would never have happened without the strategic victory of the French fleet at the little known Battle of the Virginia Capes.

It was in this battle that Britain's fate in North America was sealed and the United States was born. The significance of the French Navy's contribution to the final victory at Yorktown was acknowledged by General Washington himself, who said, "Whatever the efforts of the land armies, in this battle, the navy cast the deciding vote." ★



## UNTO GOD FOR AMERICA

LTC CHERYL D. BRADY, USA (RET)  
CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW

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*“TURN US AGAIN TO YOURSELF, O GOD.  
MAKE YOUR FACE SHINE DOWN UPON US.  
ONLY THEN WILL WE BE SAVED.”*

*“IT SHALL COME TO PASS THAT BEFORE  
THEY CALL, I WILL ANSWER AND WHILE  
THEY ARE STILL SPEAKING, I WILL HEAR.”*

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It is with this precious promise of God that we, the Companions of the Military Order of the World Wars, will observe our first National Day of Prayer on 27 January 2019.

CINC LTC Hollywood approved this date as a National Day of Prayer for the Order. The Order was established through Congressional incorporation on 27 January 1919. Therefore, it's only fitting that as we enter our one hundredth year of service to the nation, we recognize and acknowledge as one body that without God this milestone could not have been achieved.

Every nation has a purpose in God's eternal plan for salvation. America was created by God. America is upheld by God. America is blessed by God. America will endure for as long as God wills her existence. Yet God has enlisted His people to join Him in effecting a state of union through prayer. God is America's real Commander-in-Chief.

When a nation turns from

God and does not follow His ways, evil triumphs, which results in chaos, confusion and tragedy. We live in increasingly evil and dangerous times. People are angry and frustrated at institutions and one another. Partnering with God through prayer gives the Order a privileged opportunity to influence the lives of people in our communities, our nation and our Order for good.

Prayer is how we come to God. In prayer, we draw near to God. In prayer we acknowledge God's wisdom, power and greatness. God does not need to hear our prayers. God wants to hear our prayers.

God tells us we ought to always pray and not lose heart. Prayer is not manipulation of God but a way to join our hearts to God's heart. Our hope for America is faith in God alone. He is our hope for change. His mighty power will work through the prayers of our Companions. What is impossible for us is not impossible for God.





All things are possible to those who believe.

Without faith, it is impossible to please God. He who comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him.

Faith has a voice. God hears the voice of faith. Our prayers will serve as a declaration of our dependence on God. God promises to hear our prayers when we rely on Him through faith. He never promises we will see the fruit of our faith in our lifetime because faith is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. Faith is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.

God is calling our Order to help advance what He is doing in our nation through a National Day of Prayer. Our prayers and petitions are investments in the next generation. For their sake, may the Lord fulfill all of our petitions. Let us unite together, lift up our voices to Almighty God as a chorus of praise and worship through prayer as we seek God's help for our Order, our nation and one another. May God bless us as we partner with Him in prayer. God hears, God cares and God answers. ★

## **MOWW Prayer Day Chapter Implementation Guidelines**

- 1. The window for National prayer is 6:00 AM until 6:00 PM (local times) on 27 January 2019.**
- 2. Each chapter chaplain should communicate through chapter newsletters, personal emails, social media (all means of Companion communication used within their chapter) the call for our National Day of Prayer.**
- 3. Chapter chaplains who desire should initiate a specific window during those twelve hours for prayer time for their Companions.**
- 4. Companions who are able to fast during their prayer time and wish to do so are encouraged to fast and pray.**
- 5. The following are seven specific petitions for prayer. Each chapter chaplain can add more based on the needs of their Companions, communities and state.**
  - a. Pray for Leaders in all levels of government (local, state, federal)**
  - b. Pray for MOWW leaders at all levels—tactical, operational and strategic, and Companions**
  - c. Pray for a spiritual and moral awakening in the nation—more hearts turning to God in faith**
  - d. Pray for the family unit—however that may be constituted**
  - e. Pray for God to raise up righteous leaders from among the nation's youth who love America**
  - f. Pray for our 2019 MOWW Convention planning, execution and success as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of MOWW's founding**
  - g. Pray for God's will to be done in our Order and its continued existence for as long as God wants to use MOWW for His glory and the good of the nation**

# IMPLEMENT A VETERANS OUTREACH PROGRAM

LT WALTER LAIDLAW, USN (FMR) & LTC REGINALD BROWN, USA (RET)  
MOWW VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Order's Strategic Goal 2 involves commanders and Companions establishing or strengthening chapter veterans outreach programs via four action areas:

- Developing, planning, promoting, supporting, executing and analyzing chapter veteran support activities.
- Involving as many chapter Companions as possible in each veteran support activity.
- Recurring chapter recognition of veterans.
- Public recognition of Companions who participate in veteran support activities.



Use social media to tell our story of outreach to our fellow veterans. Commanders and chapters should use all available resources to reach a wider audience—including MOWW's easy-to-use News Release Guide. In addition, there are military-themed websites that will "advertise" our planned events. Here are some, but make sure they meet your chapter's needs and standards.

- <https://www.rallypoint.com/home>
- [http://www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1/0,,mil\\_network,00.html](http://www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1/0,,mil_network,00.html)
- <http://www.militarysupportgroups.org/home/>
- <http://soldiersangels.org/>
- <https://missioncontinues.org/about/>

Our Preamble states we should honor and capture the veterans' contributions to and sacrifices on behalf of the society in which we live. Equally important, we should ensure no veteran is left to feel unappreciated. Our outreach support of active, National Guard, Reserve activities should include veterans young and old, still serving and not, who served during conflicts such as WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, the Cold War, Panama, Grenada, DESERT STORM/SHIELD, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Federal or state emergencies. This includes being a active proponent of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Program. All commanders, Companions and chapters should play a pivotal role in promoting the health and welfare of their respective community's veterans.

To do this, chapters should focus on the four action areas above. Your chapter can sponsor or support activities to recognize veterans, collaborate with other Veteran Service Organizations or your local United Services Organization. Incorporate the list of "Significant Days and Military Observances for the United States Armed Forces" in your Chapter Action Plan (CAP) and annual chapter calendar:

- <http://www.operationwearehere.com/SignificantDaysObservances.html>

Using social media provides an expanded reach, especially important for small chapters with only a handful of engaged Companions. A small chapter's Companions reading to veterans in nursing homes is as significant as a large chapter holding a state-wide military ball. It is our personal contact with individual veterans that makes all the difference.

After a DESERT SHIELD deployment, then-Brigade Commander, MG Freddie McFarren, USA (Ret), said it's the personal contact with each other that's important. That's still true today. Smaller chapters shouldn't feel their smaller scale initiative is insufficient, and larger chapters shouldn't be so large that they lose the personal, one-on-one connection.

Last, region staffs may organize and remind chapters of monthly significant military observances. Regions should seek opportunities to be MOWW's ambassadors by attending activities offered by other VSOs. In short, we must continually coordinate and leverage activities and resources to ensure our stakeholders and the public know of our continued service on behalf of our nation's veterans. ★



# A CHALLENGE TO FACE AND OVERCOME

PCINC LTC ALFRED H. M. SHEHAB, USA (RET) & PCINC LTC RUTH L. HAMILTON, USA (RET)  
GENERAL MEADE CHAPTER, MD

As Companions, we know the Military Order of the World Wars is a unique, non-partisan patriotic Veterans Service Organization envisioned by General of the Armies John J. Pershing as a means by which his officers could continue to serve the nation after their WW I service ended. He challenged them to personally promote patriotism, civic responsibility and leadership. His challenge still stands.

Our job, then, is to inspire and mentor Companions to become routinely involved in outreach programs, our Order's lifeblood. Doing so emphasizes Strategic Goal One (SG-1), which has historically focused us on recruiting and growing chapter membership but not on promoting Companion involvement in chapter activities—a critical element of achieving any strategic goal. Getting Companions actively involved in outreach efforts directly supports SG-2, which emphasizes strengthening chapter outreach programs as part of our service mission.

*“Service” is not a passive word; it’s integral to our motto,  
It is nobler to serve than to be served.”*

*Our motto is not a philosophy. It’s Pershing’s call to arms.*

Our ideals and objectives are seen in the Preamble to the Constitution of the Order. Our service is evident in our patriotic education of youth and our abiding concern about national security. While service is not optional within our Order, it is scalable to an individual's and a chapter's capabilities. This means everyone and every chapter can be involved, each according to their ability.

Youth Leadership Conferences (YLCs) and Youth Education Seminars (YES) are the major way we demonstrate our commitment to patriotic education, the welfare of youth and our nation's future. Not all chapters can hold a YLC or a YES, but they can monetarily support such events, provide presenters or staff or sponsor YLC students.

We must continue our focus on educating youth so they enjoy a life of informed and constructive citizenship.

We do this by educating them about our nation's founding, the United States Constitution and the freedoms it guarantees, and the importance of imbuing a sense of responsibility in all citizens of the United States.

Recognizing Eagle Scouts, Quartermaster Sea Scouts, Summit Venture Scouts, Gold Award Girl Scouts and JROTC/ROTC Cadets are other ways Companions can be involved in outreach. Countless youth have benefitted from these programs. Yes, we have many dedicated Companions voluntarily serving in these activities, but we definitely need more--now.

We also can do more to honor and support veterans. Another major concern for our Order is national and homeland security and law and order. We have a way to let Members of Congress know our views on those topics, but we've been inactive in this area for several years. We need to reinstate resolutions articulating the Order's thoughtful and realistic views on such matters.

As an Order, we must ensure our outreach programs remain strong by continuously selecting and electing dedicated and robust Companions to lead committees and command elements of our Order. It is incumbent on the Companions managing these programs and commanding these elements to ensure expertise is shared via mentoring and working continuity plans. These are the only ways we can enhance the programs we offer as we continue the service mission that Pershing gave us. That is our challenge to face and overcome—today and tomorrow. Doing so is now up to us—each of us. ★



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# COLONEL ALBERT L. JONES, USAF (RET)

LT JOHN S. McCONNEL, USNR (FMR) | PUGET SOUND CHAPTER, WA

Early in his career as a pilot and prior to the US entry in WWII, Col Albert Lloyd Jones, USAF (Ret), joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. After receiving his wings, he served in Canada as a pilot flight instructor operating the Canadian “Harvard.” Its equivalent, the North American Aviation T-6 “Texan” was operated by the US Army Air Forces (USAAF) as the AT-6.



Much of his instructor time involved teaching aerobatics, which contributed to his exceptional combat skills later. He was then reassigned to England and was assigned to RCAF Squadron No. 150, flying the Hawker Hurricane over Europe. Wellington Bombers replaced the Hurricanes for the rest of the war.

On one mission his Wellington aircraft was hit by enemy fire over Italy. He successfully landed, and he and his crew were rescued by the British Army and returned to England. The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) awarded him the Distinguished Flying Cross for completing 40 missions over Europe.

In December 1942, he joined the USAAF as a fighter pilot, flying the British “Beaufighter” over Europe. The Bristol Type 156 “Beaufighter” was a multi-role aircraft originally conceived as a heavy fighter variant of the Bristol “Beaufort” bomber, but it was also an exceptional night fighter.

He was awarded a DFC for visually downing a JU-87 over Italy at night at 11,000 feet. The Junkers Ju 87 “Stuka” (Sturzkampfflugzeug)

was a German dive bomber and ground-attack aircraft. Col Jones remained flying this aircraft and the British Wellington bomber until he was reassigned to the P-61 in 1944. The Northrop P-61 “Black Widow” was the first operational US warplane designed as a night fighter and was the first aircraft designed to use radar.

His time in this aircraft brought him one victory and one probable kill. These were night missions over Germany using radar. During one mission, he visually sighted two Junkers JU-88s. The Ju 88 was a German twin-engined multirole combat aircraft designed as a Schnellbomber (“fast bomber”) that became one of the most versatile combat aircraft of the war. He was awarded a DFC for shooting down one of the JU-88s.

He remained in the US Army Air Force (USAAF) until 1946, when he returned to civilian life as an airline captain, flying for several non-scheduled airlines for the next ten years. His next career move was becoming a Boeing Test Pilot for the duration of his flying career. He served as Boeing’s Chief Test Pilot until his retirement. He flew practically every type of passenger aircraft during this career with them. Amazingly, his military and civilian flight log books document over 18,000 hours flown. He retired as a Colonel of the US Air Force Reserve.



Col Jones was recently awarded a much-deserved MOWW National Citation for his service to MOWW and the Puget Sound Chapter, WA. “Bravo Zulu” to this exceptional Companion! ★

## MOWW TAG LINE CONTEST

IPCINC COL DAVID B. GIBSON, USAF (RET)  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL STAFF

MOWW needs a tagline. Taglines set the stage for everything we do, from marketing to brand recognition. Taglines succinctly and clearly tell others what MOWW is about, and help others connect to MOWW.

In today's crowded marketplace, we need a way to be memorable. Taglines can encapsulate what the Order is in just a few words. For example, Disney's tagline, "The Happiest Place On Earth," tells people in no uncertain terms that Disney is the best place to be. The better the tagline, the more folks remember and connect with you.

You might be familiar with the acronym, KISS. It's good advice for any organization--don't overcomplicate things. Complex is less memorable. We need a tagline that people will understand and remember as soon as they read it. People don't like to wonder about a tagline's meaning. Taglines help people get right to the point.

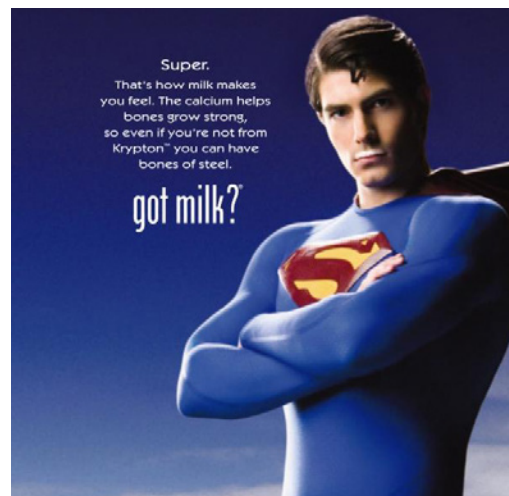


The best taglines tell a story—short, effective and memorable. For example, Timex's timeless tagline, "It Takes a Lickin' and Keeps on Tickin'," tells a clear story. Timex wants consumers to know that their watch is rugged, it resists damage, it will last a long time and it's a good value for the money. Taglines tell a story about an organization, product or service provided.

The public is swayed by benefits—not features. That's what is meant to communicate benefits in your tagline. M&M's famous tagline does this well: "The milk chocolate melts in your mouth, not in your hand." The clear benefit is you can eat M&M's right out of your palm without smearing chocolate all over you.

"Google it!" The last thing you want to do is create a tagline that already exists. Not only will you infringe on another's intellectual property, but you'll also instantly brand your group as uncreative or worse. Google your tagline idea to ensure it doesn't already exist. If it does, adjust it to make it unique. Get creative!

COMPANIONS: First place wins convention registration fees, hotel accommodations and convention tours for two at the 2019 MOWW Convention. Second place wins convention registration fees and convention tours for two. Third place wins convention registrations fees. Also, first, second and third prize winners each receive a MOWW Outreach Service Medal at the 2019 MOWW Convention. The EXCOM, which determines the award recipients, is ineligible for prizes. ★



Email your submission (one per person) to IPCINC Col Gibson ([dave\\_digib@comcast.net](mailto:dave_digib@comcast.net)) by 31 Jan 19



## REMEMBERING

BRIG GEN ARTHUR B. MORRILL III, USAF (RET)  
CHIEF OF STAFF & COO, MOWW, INC.®

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice of the Great War, ending hostilities on 11 November 1918, which now corresponds with Veterans Day and Remembrance Day. The Armistice ended the carnage decimating an entire generation.

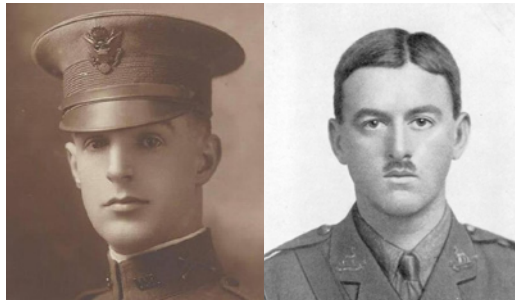
One hundred years ago is ancient history for most, events and personalities now relegated to dusty textbooks. Still, we should pause to remember. Those who preceded us still matter.

The Preamble to the Military Order of the World War's Constitution has us remember those preceding us and asks us to selflessly serve in their model. The Preamble says in part:

- To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity...;
- 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...

These tenets make me pause and remember. But lest this remembrance lacks the poignancy it deserves, I pause to remember two officers from that war: one I knew; one I wish I did.

First, there is Lieutenant Russell Lowry Test, Army of the United States, my maternal grandfather and the namesake of my youngest son. My grandfather was an unlikely combatant. As a young man pre-war, he was a stage actor, active in New York City and along the east coast. He fought in France as an officer in a



L-R: Lieutenant Russell Lowry Test, AUSA, and Captain Henry John Innes Walker, British Army

machine gun battalion. Later, he was a member of Forty & Eight, a BSA Silver Beaver Award recipient, a member of the Masonic Order of Knights Templar and employed by Dow-Corning in the specialty glass business. He loved the opera and the circus. He married Frances and they had two daughters—Alice (my late mother) and Georgia. He

lived a happy life, and although he experienced the worst of humanity and was forever affected by his war experience, he exemplified the best of humanity during his long life, nonetheless.

Then there is Captain Henry John Innes Walker, British Army, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 1st Battalion, of Auckland, New Zealand. In his short life, he was a prominent student at King's College, a winning athlete in football, hockey, sprinting and hurdling, and a distinguished company commander—a good chap by all accounts. His regiment arrived in France in August 1914 but by April of 1915 he was killed as his company advanced on a defended area near Langemark (West Flanders) during the Second Battle of Ypres. For 100 years, he lay where he was killed, only being found by coincidence when pipes were being laid and only identified due to the analysis of his engraved medallion, whistle and binoculars, and his remains. In April 2018 he was buried in Flanders Fields with full honors and his extended New Zealand family present. Finally, he was home.



Thank God there are people like these. We have an opportunity as Companions to honor the legacy of those who served through our Veterans Outreach Program. I hope each chapter has such a program—even if it is to simply and respectfully gather and recall how much was given by those who preceded us. ★

## TIME TO WINTERIZE?

CPT (DR) ROBERT E. MALLIN, USA (FMR)  
SURGEON GENERAL, MOWW

We do not hesitate to get our vehicles in tune for the oncoming season, but can we say we spend as much time preparing ourselves for the changes of season? One of the first things to do is check and see if your year-round routines will fit the coming changes in weather patterns. Obviously, outdoor running, golf, sailing and hiking may not fit, while cross-country skiing and skating obviously might.

Personally, my principal therapy-exercise regimen involves using the (therapy) pool at my local recreation center. This physiologically-determined, fixed, 94-degree temperature serves well for the warmest and coldest days. The challenge is to get back to the car without turning to ice when it's 29 degrees Fahrenheit outside. A complete rehab routine or even just 30-60 minutes of water walking is good. Water walking is a better challenge than walking on dry land because one's feet don't hurt and weather exposure risk is diminished.

Speaking of being outside, please keep warm by wearing proper clothing—in removable layers. Also, don't forget to get your flu shot and check on the need for Pneumonia and Herpes immunizations while you're at it. These are almost always free or covered by various insurances. In addition, be sure to check to see if the 120-heart rate is best for you—especially if you're taking heart-rate-acting meds (such as Metoprolol with A-Fib). It might just be time to get your doctor,

nearby rehabilitation center or someone clever to review and “age correct” your physical activity regimen, as needed. They do change with different conditions and over time.

While on that subject, remember a burst of strenuous activity such as snow shoveling or stringing Christmas lights from ladders—especially on ice—is “hazardous to your health.” Ensure you keep your cell phone on your person with appropriate “fast dial” numbers so that help is just a click away. As I once told my son, “In the history of the world, nobody who ever fell thought they would.” [I'm not even going to mention drinking (or here in Colorado, smoking pot) to help you make decisions. Such things have never helped decision-making.]

While dressing in layers for climate changes may be obvious, drinking water while exercising may not be. It seems ideal to drink 1-1/2 pints of water 2-3 hours before an exercise session, 7-10 ounces every 10-to-20-minutes during exercises and about 8 ounces after exercising. Check with a professional to modify this for heavy and/or light exercise challenges since, for example, slowly walking a couple of miles is different from mountain climbing or weight lifting. In short, be safe, be prepared, check out things in advance and “winterize!”

Be well. ★



## FROM SUFFERING TO GLORY

LTC CHERYL D. BRADY, USA (RET)  
CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW

God is a good God. In the beginning, everything God created was very good and excellent in every way. God made man for Himself to declare His praise. Yet man, in his desire to be like God—knowing good and evil—broke ranks and stepped outside his boundary of divine protection. In so doing, man opened himself and all of his posterity up to the presence, power and dominion of sin.

Therefore, the questions, “Why does God allow evil?” or “Why does a good God allow bad things to happen to good people?” should be asked of Adam. Adam, where are you?

The Fall in the Garden of Eden is the greatest tragedy in all of human history. It ushered in the spiritual separation between God and His crowning jewel—man—who He created in His image. Equally onerous, it put all of creation under the spiritual powers of the evil one.

We can learn a lot from Job about going from suffering to glory. Job was a man who experienced manifold loss and suffering, more than anyone should have to experience in a lifetime. He lost all of his children, he lost all of his wealth and his body—head to feet—was stricken with a painful and incurable disease. For Job, God never answers the question, “Why?”

Job’s faith was tested. Like Job, our faith in God will be tested. We must remember everything we have is on loan from God. When it happens that all that God gave us is taken away, only He can transform a valley of loss, grief and despair—a trial of great difficulty—into a gateway of hope.

Our life-changing experiences can be opportunities that God uses to help us be closer to Himself. Whether we lose a job, our health, a loved one, our possessions, long-held friendships or any number of things in this life, the prayer of Job can become our prayer—a prayer that leads us to worship God.

A sovereign God in control of the world knows and understands all things and He alone can answer the “why” of suffering. It is a firm commitment to the love and goodness of God that we must cling to in times of loss and the grief that it brings. “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

We can trust in God’s love and in his judgement. That trust allows us to feel hopeful in the midst of sadness or despair, confident that we will travel through the gateway of hope to be better people in His service. ★





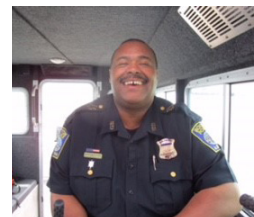
Greater Boston Chapter, MA

## *A Special Visit with the Boston Police Department*

BY COL LAWRENCE A. WILLWERTH, USA (RET.)



Chapter Companions assembled at USCG Base Boston on the morning of 16 May for an unforgettable and most enjoyable day with the Boston Police Department. We were picked up by two Police shuttle vans and taken to Boston Police Headquarters. Upon arrival, we were greeted at the door by large posters announcing the visit and were warmly welcomed by the Superintendent of Police, Chief William Gross (photo right).



After Chief Gross escorted us through the security system we were split into two groups. One group went into the Operations Room with Captain Terenzi for an explanation of the highly-advanced technology for tracking calls, dispatching assistance and following the course of street operations. The use of new technology, GPS locators, on-screen map systems, and other devices was impressive. The second group accompanied Chief Gross to his offices, virtually a museum of memorabilia, for a lecture on the history of the department and recent achievements. The Deputy Superintendent, Deputy Chief Dennis White, was also with us. The two groups eventually switched. Following those sessions we reassembled for lunch and a highly-interesting and informative briefing by Chief Gross.

Our next stop was at Boston Harbor, where we met two officers of the SWAT team. These friendly, but rather formidable, officers showed and explained to us their methods and equipment. Their vehicles carry sniper rifles and shotguns, specialty ammunition (including non-lethal rounds), helmets, flash-bangs and smoke grenades, first aid kits and they are equipped with night-vision equipment. This was a very sobering part of the presentation because it contemplated the very serious problems of active shooters and potential shooters.



Finally, after a meeting with the Harbor Patrol officers, we again split into two separate patrol boats to tour the harbor. One of the boats was named Due Process, so the retired lawyers in the group naturally boarded that boat. The other boat was the Mullen and Chief Gross led the group onto that boat. That craft was truly a high-speed vessel and proceeded to run rings around the Due Process, which like its name, was steadier, slower and more restrained.

The harbor tour was a bit chilly but a great deal of fun! Back at the dock, we gave our thanks to Chief Gross, who signed a copy of the welcoming poster. With the crew of the patrol vessels, the group was bussed back to the Coast Guard Base where we said farewell to the police cadets. In appreciation of the special nature and treatment we received, the chapter will make a donation to Chief Gross' favorite charity.

It is fair to say that the universal opinion of those who attended is that this event could not have possibly been better arranged. Our thanks to the Coast Guard Base, which provided parking and a pickup and drop-off spot, the Superintendent of the Boston Police Department, Chief William Gross, who spent the entire day with us, Deputy Superintendent White, Captain Terenzi of the Operations Section and the members of the SWAT Team who briefed us on their equipment and procedures, the members of the Harbor Patrol who acquainted us with their procedures and took us on a tour of Boston Harbor, and the police cadets who chauffeured us everywhere.





Augusta Chapter, GA

### *Signers Monument Ceremony*

BY CPT JAMES BRADY III, USA (FMR)

HPM Michael Culbertson, SGM, USA (Ret), placed the MOWW wreath during the Fourth of July 2018 Signers Monument Ceremony in Augusta, GA.



Saddleback Valley Chapter, CA

### *National Citation Presented*

BY LTC RICHARD D. "TEX" WANDKE, USA (RET)

In August 2018, Chapter Commander LTC Richard D. Wandke, USA (Ret), and Mrs. Ichiko Wandke visited with CDR Robert C. Hirst, USN (Ret), and Mrs. Valarie Hirst to present the MOWW National Citation to CDR Hirst.

(L-R): Mrs. Valarie Hirst; CDR Robert C. Hirst, USN (Ret); Mrs. Ichiko Wandke and LTC Richard D. "Tex" Wandke, USA (Ret).



Gen Meade Chapter, MD

### *MOWW YLC Coordinators Presented Outstanding Service Awards*

BY LT COL SHELDON A. GOLDBERG, USAF (RET)



On 20 October 2018, at the Gen Meade chapter meeting honoring sponsored NCAYLC students, MOWW Outstanding Service Awards were presented to: COL Lou Ferguson, USAF (Ret), who had served as NCAYLC Administrator; COL James McKnight, USA (Ret), his second Outstanding Service Award and who had served as Director (2002-16) and Treasurer (2017-18), and; Mrs. Suzanne Ferguson, HPM, who served as a female chaperone (1998-2010) and the Secretary (2010-18).

Gen Meade chapter-sponsored NCAYLC students were presented to the attendees at the dinner honoring them. Three students who had written outstanding essays, which they read at the dinner, were presented with Certificates. PCINC LTC Ruth Hamilton, USA (Ret), presented the CINC's Coin of Excellence to the three essay-winning students. MOWW coins were presented to the remaining students.

(L-R): PCINC LTC Ruth Hamilton, USA (Ret); Mrs. Suzanne Ferguson, HPM, and COL James McKnight, USA (Ret).

Sun City Center Chapter, FL

## *Law & Order Award Presentation*

BY MAJ JAMES HANEY, USMC (RET)

Deputy Jimmie Romano was presented the 2018 MOWW National Individual (Second Runner Up) Law & Order Outstanding Performance Award by Hillsborough County (FL), Sheriff Chad Chronister and Chapter Commander Maj James Haney, USMC (Ret), on Wednesday, 12 September 2018, at the HC Sheriff's Quarterly Awards Ceremony. Deputy Romano has previously been recognized by the Chapter for his outstanding performance during the Chapter's 17 May 2018 L&O Luncheon meeting.



(L-R): Sheriff Chad Chronister, Deputy Jimmie Romano, and MOWW's Sun City Center Chapter Commander, Maj James Haney, USMC (Ret).



Piedmont Chapter, VA

## *Piedmont Chapter Welcomes New Members*

BY LTC MICHAEL A. OKIN, MD, USA (RET)

Chapter Commander LTC Michael A. Okin, MD, USA (Ret), welcomed three new members of the chapter to the podium, where they were presented their pins.

(L-R): Col Brian Witt, USAF (Ret), LTC Michael A. Okin, MD, USA (Ret), CPT Warren Look, USA (Fmr), and MAJ David Wodicka, USA (Fmr).



BG Jeremiah P. Holland Chapter, CA

*“Oldest” and Youngest Companions Mobilize in Fourth of July Parade*

BY LCDR NICHOLAS HERBKA, USN (RET)

The intent initially was to have our oldest and youngest Companions riding together in one vehicle in the MOWW procession of convertibles in the Rancho Bernardo, CA, Fourth of July Parade. Weeks ago, CW4 John Cantor, USN (Ret), our 101-year-old (oldest) active Companion, took a fall and fractured his hip in three places. A visit to the rehab center, left no doubt that while John’s attitude and desire to heal and return home would drive his recovery, he would be unable to ride in the parade. Our next oldest Companions—93-year-old Navy Captain Royce Williams and 90-year-old Army LTC Harry Hodges—were selected as the Grand Marshalls and already had a convertible in which to ride. The next oldest Companion was 84-year-old Army LT Arnold Regardie, who was also very excited about being in the parade.



Top left: Arnold, our oldest available Companion and Noah Berkebile, our youngest Companion (17-years-old), rode together in a beautiful red Mustang. Noah is seated on the back of the rear seat with the drivers daughter. Arnold, wisely chose to sit “Shotgun” and is waving his right hand. Below left: Grand Marshalls for the Spirit of the Fourth Parade in Rancho Bernardo, CA, were Companions Captain Royce Williams, USN (Ret) (94-years-old, seated in the back seat) and LTC Harry Hodges, USA (Ret) (90-years-old, seated in the front seat). Column right: Companions riding in this year’s Fourth of July Parade honoring Korean War veterans.

## Va Mobilizes Federal Agencies to Offer Free Legal Services to Help Veterans



Veterans Affairs (VA), together with representatives from the departments of Labor, Justice, Defense, Homeland Security, the US Navy and others, have signed a joint statement aimed at improving access to free legal services for veterans in need.

Federal agencies and the veterans legal services community came together at VA headquarters in Washington, DC, to celebrate VA's Medical Legal Partnerships and to recognize volunteers who serve at VA-based free legal clinics.

Currently, VA hosts at least 170 free legal clinics in its VA Medical Centers, community based outpatient clinics and Vet Centers across the country, by partnering with external legal service providers, such as local bar associations, legal aid organizations and law school clinics.

As a prime example of the VA-based legal clinics nationwide, attorneys and paralegals from VA and 13 other federal agencies have provided *pro bono* legal assistance on their own time to veterans at the Washington, DC, VA Medical Center's legal clinic, run by the Veterans Pro Bono Consortium. During the past year, the legal clinic at that facility has served more than 800 Veterans. See <https://www.vetsprobono.org/>

For more information about VA's coordination of legal services for Veterans at VA facilities visit <https://www.va.gov/OGC/LegalServices.asp>.

## VA Debt Management Center reduces average wait times for Veterans contacting call center



Veterans Affairs' Debt Management Center (DMC) reached a recent milestone in July 2018, when it reported it had lowered the average wait times for veterans contacting the call center, from over 21 minutes in fiscal year (FY) 2016 to under five minutes during FY 2018. The DMC's inbound contact center serves as the central point for Veterans and their family members to make payment arrangements, or receive guidance

regarding the collection process on overpayments which could include debts created from education or pension payments.

## Trump Administration announces decline in Veteran homelessness



The number of homeless veterans drops 5.4% since last year and by nearly half since 2010.

Veteran homelessness in the US continues to decline, according to a new national estimate announced today by US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson.

HUD's Annual Homeless Assessment Report finds the total number of reported veterans experiencing homelessness in 2018 decreased 5.4 percent since last year, falling to nearly half the number of homeless Veterans reported in 2010.

Each year, thousands of local communities around the country conduct one-night "Point-in-Time" estimates of the number of persons experiencing homelessness—in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs and in unsheltered locations. This year's estimate finds 37,878 Veterans experienced homelessness in January 2018, compared with 40,020 reported in January 2017. HUD estimates among the total number of reported veterans experiencing homelessness in 2018, 23,312 veterans were found in sheltered settings, while volunteers counted 14,566 veterans living in places not meant for human habitation.

In announcing the latest annual estimate, US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Robert Wilkie and HUD Secretary Ben Carson noted that local communities are reporting reductions in the number of veterans in their shelter systems and on their streets.

HUD also reports a nearly 10 percent decline among female veterans experiencing homelessness. In January 2018, local communities reported 3,219 homeless female veterans compared with 3,571 one year earlier. ★





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