

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII August 2023 Newsletter



The Military Order of the World Wars
Colorado Springs Chapter
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Preamble

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

CHAPTER COMMANDER'S REMARKS (9 Aug)

Wow! What a turnout last month for Lt Col Ed Herlik's excellent presentation! We have an excellent group of Companions, and it's an honor to be affiliated with all of you!

Very much looking forward to Lt Gen Miller's presentation on the Ukraine crisis this month, on the 24th, the Colorado Springs 9-11 remembrance, and the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) fundraiser at the Flying W Ranch on Sep 21st.

Writing this from the National MOWW Convention. Excellent venue, Steve and I will be providing a detailed read out at a later date. Highly recommend attendance at next year's National Convention in Valley Forge! A couple of key items follow: there will be a new National Strategic Plan with a huge focus on outreach and recruiting. Overall, membership numbers went up nationally last year, but only a little over 1% of Companions recruited anyone. Additionally, all Companions will receive two e-mail surveys; one on expanded membership guidelines and one on re-naming. Please fill out the questionnaires when you receive them. There are approximately 6400 Companions nationwide, and National is seeking as much input as possible to ensure everyone has a voice.

Lastly, we received kudos as a Chapter, capturing the 3rd place for the Information and Publicity Program Award, and 3rd place in the Chapter of the Year competition in the medium chapter category! However, in saving the best for last, it's my pleasure to announce that Steve received the Gold Patrick Henry Award from the CINC himself! Very well deserved for all that Steve has done for the Chapter, Region XIII, the Youth Leader Conference, and National!

Thank you again for the honor and privilege!
KERMIT NEAL (Col, USAF, Ret)
Chapter Commander

It is nobler to serve than to be served

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **STAFF MEETING (15 Aug)**
 - Tuesday, 1700
 - Location: Hill House
 - Virtual Mtg Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84827871150?pwd=SW9tSytjU0p1NC95NFZYZnJXdWRudz09>
- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP DINNER (24 Aug)**
 - Thursday, 1700
 - Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
 - RSVP to LTC Berendt no later than 21 Aug
 - Virtual Mtg Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88227377407?pwd=QXRncEdCQkVMYXFLVEVCam8xR2lIQTO9>
- ✓ **RMYLF "Ranch Night" Celebration and Fundraiser (21 Sep)**
 - Thursday, 1700
 - Location: Flying W Ranch; 3330 Chuckwagon Rd; Colorado Springs, CO 80919
 - Link to tickets: www.rmylf.org



MEMBERSHIP MEETING (27 Jul)

The July Chapter meeting included induction of new Chapter officers for OY23-24. Steve Shambach (COL, USA, Ret) MOWW Rocky Mountain Department Commander presided over the induction ceremony for the elected Staff



(L-R) Mike Berendt (Treasurer); Ulysses Swift (Adjutant), Rich Peters (Junior Vice Commander); Jim Borders (Senior Vice Commander), Kerm Neal (Commander); and Steve Shambach



Steve Shambach administers the Oath of Office for Chapter Officers

COMPANION REVELLE

Les Krohnfeldt (COL, USA, Ret) new member induction.



Homeland Security

Ed Herlik (Lt Col, USAF, Ret) presentation on Nearspace Airships (i.e., Chinese Surveillance “Balloon”) was well received and generated numerous questions by those attending. His historical perspective concerning the evolution of operations in Nearspace, coupled with his

knowledge as a fighter pilot working in HQ Air Force Space Command provided a solid foundation for informing the audience of the complexities of operations in this domain. Ed’s presentation served to awaken among the attendees the threats our nation will encounter in this domain in any future engagement with China.



(L-R) Kerm Neal and Steve Shambach present certificate to Ed

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING (24 Aug) National Security

The August Chapter meeting will feature Christopher (Chris) Miller (Lt Gen, USAF, Ret) providing an update to the war in Ukraine (follow on to December membership meeting presentation).

Chris Miller last served on active duty as the Air Force's deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs, leading the Air Force's multi-billion-dollar, five-year program formulation and longer-range planning efforts. In his current work at the United States Air Force Academy's (USFA) Center for Character & Leadership Development, he is the inaugural Arizona State University Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Chair for the Study of the Profession of Arms. In this capacity, he is exploring the impact of increasingly complex missions and newly contested domains on the nature and cohesion of the military profession, its boundaries and its relationship with civil society.

Over nearly 33 years of service he has led planning, policy, and strategy for U.S. Northern Command & NORAD (responsible for homeland defense, civil support, and security cooperation with Mexico and Canada); served as the senior USAF commander on the ground in

Afghanistan; commanded the nation's only B-2 bomber wing; directed personnel assignments for 340,000 officer and enlisted Airmen; was defense policy adviser to the U.S. ambassador to NATO, a military fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and an analyst and planner at Headquarters US Air Force. He commanded flying units at squadron, group and wing levels and has over 3300 flying hours in T-38, B-1, B-2 and other military and civilian aircraft. General Miller was a distinguished graduate of the USAFA and of the College of Naval Command and Staff and holds a Master of Philosophy in International Relations from Oxford University. He is President of the North American chapter of the International Society for Military Ethics, immediate past President of the Air Force Historical Foundation, a director of the Academy Research and Development Institute, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. From 2018 to 2021, he served as the Presidentially-appointed Chair of the US Section, Permanent Joint Board on Defense, US-Canada.

5. Outreach. Expand participation and publicity of our Chapter with the public.
6. Co-sponsor the 2023 and 2024 Youth Leadership Conference in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation.
7. Create a 3-year-succession plan for each elected officer billet.
8. Recognize Companion excellence.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Chapter was awarded 3rd place in the Chapter of the Year Award (Medium Chapter), 3rd place for the Information and Publicity Program Award, and the CINC presented Steve Shambach with the Gold Patrick Henry Award.



(L-R) Steve Shambach receives Gold Patrick Henry Award from LTC Okin (MOWW CINC)

REGION XIII COMMANDER ELECTION

- Virtual session held on 27 Jul with Chapter and Department Commanders electing Mike Halpin (Capt, USMC) as Region Commander replacing Pat Stolze (LTC, USA, Ret).
- The Colorado Springs and Denver Chapter Commanders said farewell to Outgoing Region XIII Commander, Pat Stolze at a dinner in his honor on 19 July. Steve Shambach and Coy Ritchie (LCDR, USN, Ret) recognized Pat with a MOWW Award of Merit and a gift certificate on behalf of their chapters comprising the Rocky Mountain Department. During his Region XIII Commander tenure, Pat has truly lived the MOWW Motto that "It is nobler to serve, than to be served".

STAFF MEETING (7 Jul)

*See July newsletter for July staff meeting notes.

DRAFT CHAPTER GOALS FOR THE YEAR

1. Establish a calendar of events for the remainder of 2023 and the upcoming operating year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024).
2. Conduct monthly Chapter meetings virtually and in person for a hybrid capability for members to attend either virtually or in-person.
3. Establish/sustain committees responsible for interacting with the following organizations:
 - a. Boy Scouts of America
 - b. Girl Scouts of America
 - c. Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)
 - d. Junior ROTC
 - e. First Responders (local police, fire and medical)
 - f. Homeland Security and National Defense
4. Increase membership by at least 4% (3 new members and replacements for the fallen, based on current membership of 84).



(L-R) Coy Ritchie, Pat Stolze and Steve Shambach.

NATIONAL PROGRAM LOCAL ARTICLES

HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)

Thanks again to Ed Herlik for his presentation on Nearspace. Please contact Jon Wisham if you have any suggestions for future HS presentations or topics.

JROTC/ROTC

Chapter Staff continues to engage with Young Marines and Civil Air Patrol to integrate MOWW awards program with these organizations.

NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

Please consider attending this month's membership meeting for Chris Miller's update on current events associated with the Ukrainian War. Please contact Rich Peters if you have any suggestions for future NS presentations or topics.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

RMYLF executed another successful RMYLC. During the conference RF Smith (Lt Col, USAF, Ret) and Anja Wynne (Lt Col, USAF, Ret) were presented with this year's Watt and Eunice Hill Director's Award for outstanding service to the RMYLC at the graduation banquet. This award honors Watt Hill (Col, USAF, Ret) and his wife Eunice Hill who were very involved in MOWW, including serving as National Vice CINC and running the RMYLC for many years. He is a World War II veteran who married Eunice whom he met in England during the war and is turning 96 this year!

Congratulations to Anja Wynne who will move from RMYLC Deputy Director to Director replacing Steve Shambach.

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

The Staff is working to establish recognition programs for local law enforcement and first responders. Please contact Rich Peters if interested in working on PS/L&O Committee.

SCOUTING

Still pursuing activating Eagles Club at USAFA. Working with USAFA/A5 staff to identify cadets who participated in this year's National Jamboree as possible sponsors.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

70th Anniversary End of Korean War

The Chapter participated in ceremony commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice held at Memorial Park Korean War Veterans Memorial in Colorado Springs.



(L-R) Randy Helms and Rich Peters in front of Korean War Memorial

Companion and Colorado Springs Councilman Randy Helms (Col, USAF, Ret) read the City of Colorado Springs proclamation honoring the service members who fought during the Korean War. Event guest speakers included Canadian Consul General Sylvain Fabi who highlighted Canadian contributions as part of the United Nations during the Korean war and (need to get name of San Francisco ROK Consular representative). Chapter Junior Vice Commander Rich Peters (Lt Col, USAF, Ret) interacted with members of the local Korean War Veterans Association, high school Navy JROTC unit, and representative from the local Korean community in celebrating the armistice ending hostilities in the "land of the morning calm" on July 27, 1953.

COMPANION OUTREACH & INTEREST

COMPANION ARTICLES AND FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS/SALES

Plan to attend the RMYLF "Ranch Night" Gala to celebrate 31 Years of Excellence on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at the Flying W Ranch! Tickets available July 11. See this link for tickets: <https://www.rmylf.org/>

VOLUNTEERS

Companions consider volunteering for the following Chapter vacancies:

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



RECRUITING

Companions, please continue to recruit members for the Chapter.

AUGUST COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

14 Aug – MAJ William Cross; 21 Aug – Col Robert Emmons; 22 Aug – Ms. Margaret Clay; 24 Aug – Col Robert Browning; 25 Aug – Col Randy Helms; 30 Aug - Ms. Linda Rowe

SEPTEMBER COMPANIONS BIRTHDAYS

7 Sept – LTC Francis Wynne; 13 Sept – CPT George Gay; 24 Sept – Mr. Curt Reus; 29 Sept – Ms. Stephanie Johnson, COL Mark Ellis, COL Stephen Shambach; and 30 Sept – COL Edward Fisher

COMPANION TAPS

It is with great sadness that the Staff announces the passing of Companion John F. Helinski (Maj, USAF, Ret). John was a Chapter member since 1998. John made significant contributions to the community



working on numerous charitable or community organization including the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), served on the BSA Pikes Peak Council District Board, President of Christmas Unlimited, Front Range Business Group, USAFA Association of Graduates, USAFA Parents Club, and the Catholic Church. John lived the motto of the Order.



ANNIVERSARIES

August Military Anniversaries & Observances

- August 4 - Coast Guard Birthday (Est 1790)
 - August 5 - Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) (Est 1943)
 - August 7 - Purple Heart Day honors men and women wounded or killed in military service (Est 1782) and Vietnam War Start (1964)
 - August 14 - End of War with Japan announced (1945)/National Navajo Code Talkers Day
 - August 16 - National Airborne Day
 - August 19 - National Aviation Day.
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Special Features/Humor/Trivia

Before he played Mr. Spock. Leonard Nimoy was Cadet Tom Kennedy who appeared in two episodes of the series West Point (1956) with Gene Rodenberry (WWII B-17 pilot awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal) who is credited as screenwriter for the series. Is this where they got their start together that eventually led to Leonard Nimoy's casting as Mr. Spock in Star Trek?

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

COMPANION AWARD(S)

The Chapter recognized two Companions at the General Membership meeting. Anja Wynne (Lt Col, USAF, Ret) was awarded the Silver Patrick Henry Award for her numerous contributions to the RMYLF and successful execution of the annual RMYLC.



(L-R) Anja Wynne receives SPH from Steve Shambach



(L-R) Dean Rizzo receives award from Steve Shambach.

Dean Rizzo (MAJ, USA, Ret) received the MOWW Outstanding Service Award for his many contributions over the past few years to the RMYLC.

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ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS

See National and Regional News for Convention Awards. The following awards were presented at the July membership meeting.

- Steve Shambach presented the Silver Patrick Henry Award to John Hannan (CPT, USAF, Fmr) on behalf of Pat Stolze (LTC, USA, Ret) Region XIII Commander for his service as the West Valley Chapter (Arizona) Commander. John recently



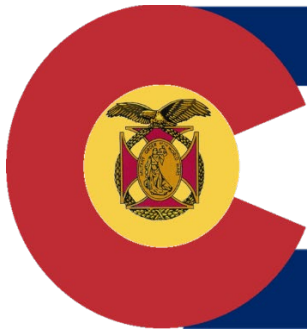
(L-R) John Hannan receives award from Steve Shambach

- relocated to Colorado Springs and is in the process of transferring his membership status.
- Steve Shambach also presented on behalf of Pat Stolze the MOWW National Citation to Rich Peters for his service to the region.
- Ulysses Swift (Lt Col, USAF, Ret) and Rich Peters received **National MOWW Certificates of Appreciation** for volunteering to serve as evaluator for the committee selecting Publicity and Information Award.

MOWW Membership Application



Please use this link to submit an electronic application: <https://moww.org/become-a-companion/>. Please see Staff for paper membership application or this link to print your own application: <https://moww.org/wp->



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

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

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

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

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

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

Name

Please make checks payable to Colorado Springs Chapter, MOWW

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