



The Military Order of the World Wars
Colorado Springs Chapter
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Chapter 151 December 2022 Newsletter

COMMANDER'S CORNER (15 Dec 22)

We are in the midst of the holiday season between Thanksgiving and Hannukah and Christmas, as well as about to welcome in a New Year. I hope you were able to get together with friends, families and loved ones at Thanksgiving or will be able to do over the Christmas/Hannukah holidays!

We just concluded a very successful meeting featuring Lt Gen (USAF, Ret) Chris Miller on the topic of: "Ukraine: Harbinger of the Future?" He provided a detailed analysis of the history behind the Ukraine-Russia conflict, an analysis of the current situation and the implications of this conflict for future warfare and the profession of arms. The meeting was well attended with Companions and guests. In addition, Col Mark Hyatt (USAF, Ret) Falcon Aerolab Founder and CEO (www.falconaerolab.org) brought a number of students to receive Gen Miller's presentation. We continue to solicit and invite quality speakers for our monthly meetings and ask for your attendance and consider inviting prospective members.

Our MOWW polo shirts are selling well and the shirts would make a nice Christmas present! You can wear these MOWW shirts at all MOWW events. Please contact [Mike Berendt \(berendt478@aol.com\)](mailto:berendt478@aol.com), (410) 908-6777 if you want to order a polo shirt.

As we celebrate the holidays, please remember December 7th as the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor that brought the U.S. into World War II. Our Companion Bill Linn has put together a presentation to remember this event. All Companions and guests who attended the last two membership meetings were provided an e-mail with links to watch this remembrance presentation.

We will host our next MOWW Meeting on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 1100-1330. Please save that date to attend the first meeting of the New Year. Adam Weitzel, President of the Pathway to the Rockies Council Executive Board is the guest speaker on the Boy Scouts of America. In addition, attending Companions will vote on revised Chapter Bylaws replacing 1991 Bylaws. Note that we are conducting MOWW meetings as Saturday luncheons through April for safer travel during inclement winter weather.

The Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation will begin planning for the June 12-16 Youth Leadership Conference at CSU Pueblo in January 2023. Please [contact me](#) if interested in helping with the conference. Also, you can contribute to our Chapter before year end. Our Chapter website is: <https://cos-moww.org>.

Our Chapter continues to grow, and I appreciate your efforts to recruit new Companions to our Order. Please [contact me](#) or any [Staff](#) member if you have any suggestions for how the Chapter can better serve you and fulfill our mission.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah and Happy New Year to all!

[STEPHEN SHAMBACH, Col, USA \(Ret\)](#)

Chapter Commander

It is nobler to serve than to be served

STAFF MEETING (12 Nov 22)

This was a hybrid (in-person and virtual) meeting conducted at Hill House. The meeting was called to order at 1731 hours by Chapter Commander Stephen Shambach. Also attending were Lt Col Ulysses Swift, LTC Mike Berendt and Lt Col Rich Peters. Attending by Zoom was Col Kerm Neal and Col Rich Rima. Invocation was given by Col Shambach followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lt Col Swift.

Minutes The Oct 22 meeting minutes were approved on a motion by LTC Berendt and seconded by Lt Col Swift with all attendees voting "aye."

Financials LTC Berendt submitted the Treasurer's Report as of 1 Dec 22. The month ended with the following assets at Integrity Bank:

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| Certificate of Deposit: | \$12,342.64 |
| Savings Account Balance: | \$101.14 |
| Checking Account Balance: | \$2.657/58 |
| Reserved for Programs | \$4,778.96 |
| Total Chapter Asset Balance: | \$19,880.32 |

December Companion Birthdays

Mr. Dennis Runningen—9 Dec; Ms. Lisa Wieland—12 Dec; CW4 Robert Meier—17Dec; BG Anthony Trifiletti—22 Dec; Col Kerm Neal—23 Dec; Lt Col Arch Layman—23 Dec; MAJ Raymond Schmahl—28 Dec; LTC Warren Wieland—31 Dec

January Companion Birthdays

Lt Col Isaac Woodfork—2 Jan; Maj Dustin Keller—14 Jan
Ms. Shirley Durham—30 Jan; Lt Col Anja Wynne—30 Jan.

Committee Updates

Scouts Col Neal and Lt Col Peters working on reactivating Chapter relationship with Flight of Eagles club at US Air Force Academy (USAFA). Club is comprised of USAFA cadets who achieved Eagle Scout.

ROTC and JROTC LTC Berendt and Lt Col Swift sent an initial letter to Department Heads to verify Points of Contact for all 17 participating high schools in the Pikes Peak region.

Membership and Recruiting

83 Chapter members with 71 residing in Colorado.

Old Business Recruiting new members is critical to sustaining the Chapter. Please consider recruiting one member for the Chapter.

- Please contact anyone on [Staff](#) if you have any suggestions for future guest speakers at future general membership meetings in January to June 2023.
- Staff officers completed Chapter Bylaw review. The last bylaw review was conducted in 1991 and requires updating. Bylaw review included updating Chapter job descriptions.
- Chapter Polo Shirts are available for purchase or order.

We continue to solicit Companions to volunteer for the following vacant Chapter Staff positions (please go to MOWW website for job descriptions if you are interested in these positions). These are non-elected positions.

- Historian (Priority Position Steve would like filled)
- Public Relations (Priority Position Steve would like filled)
- Marshall
- Chaplain
- Judge Advocate

New Business

MOWW Annual National Convention scheduled for Annapolis, MD, 1-6 August. Companions, please contact [COL Shambach](#) if you plan to attend the convention.

Bylaws Approval – Companions attending January membership meeting will vote on accepting the revised bylaws. Your presence at the meeting is required if you want to vote on the bylaws. See Chapter website after

21 Dec for copy of Bylaws Companions will vote on during January membership meeting.

Next Staff Meeting The next staff meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 Jan 23 starting at 1730 hours at the Hill House. Zoom available for Staff unable to attend in person or Chapter Companions wanting to participate.

Benediction Offered by Col Shambach.

Adjournment Col Shambach adjourned the meeting at 1905 hours.

UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (21 Jan 23)

Next general membership meeting scheduled for Saturday January 21, 1100-1330, Patty Jewett Golf Course.

Program/Speaker Adam Weitzel, President of the Pathway to the Rockies Council Executive Board will provide information on status of Boy Scouts of America activities and programs.

COMING EVENTS (January 2023 & Later)

✓ STAFF MEETING (12 Jan 23)

- Thursday, 1730
- Location: Hill House + Zoom
- Zoom Information for Companions <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84652413161?pwd=bGZmWVRlcXowbjdLQ280amYzUXBSdz09>

✓ MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON (21 Jan 23)

- Saturday, time 1100
- Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course.
- RSVP Required: no later than Monday, 16 Jan to [Mike Berendt, berendt478@aol.com](mailto:berendt478@aol.com), (410) 908-6777 and cc: [Steve Shambach, shambachsm@msn.com](mailto:shambachsm@msn.com) (719) 447-5505
- Menu: Buffet. Notify [Mike Berendt](#) if you have special menu requirements when submitting RSVP.
- Cost: \$25 (cash or check only)
- Program: A presentation by Adam Weitzel.



CHAPTER ACTIVITY

General Membership Meeting (3 Dec 22)

Lt Gen (USAF, Ret) Chris Miller presentation “Ukraine: Harbinger of the Future?” He provided a detailed analysis of the history behind the Ukraine-Russia conflict starting with the breakup of the former Soviet Union and the Budapest Memorandum that Ukraine, Russia, United States and United Kingdom signed to guarantee Ukraine territorial integrity in exchange for Ukraine removing former Soviet Union nuclear weapons from their territory. Gen Miller then provided an update on the current situation with an analysis of Ukrainian and Russian successes and failures. Contributing to Ukrainian success was their transition away from Russian doctrine to western doctrine. Finally, Gen Miller provided his analysis of what lessons to take away from the conflict and potential for these lessons to impact U.S. combat operations for the future. Companions and guests enjoyed the presentation and asked Gen Miller some thought provoking questions during the Question and Answer following the presentation.

COMPANIONS HELP WANTED

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) – we are seeking a Companion to spearhead working with the local CAP to recognize their young adults and integrate within our existing programs. Please contact [Junior Vice Rich Peters](mailto:rich1979@comcast.net) if interested.

Young Marines – we are seeking a Companion to spearhead working with the local Young Marine Chapter to recognize their cadets and integrate within our existing programs. Please contact [Junior Vice Rich Peters](mailto:rich1979@comcast.net) if interested.

Companion Outreach – we are seeking a Companion to assist the Staff in outreach activities associated with our members to periodically check on them to determine if they require any assistance from the Chapter. We currently have over 23 Chapter members who are over age 75 and would like to establish a program where we personally visit them to ensure they do not require assistance from other Companions. Please contact [Junior Vice Rich Peters](mailto:rich1979@comcast.net) if interested.

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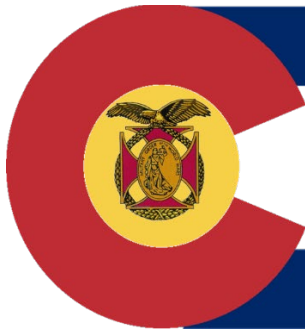
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I wish to contribute or pledge \$ _____ to the Patriotic Education Fund.

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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