

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII March 2023 Newsletter



The Military Order of the World Wars
Colorado Springs Chapter
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COMMANDER'S REMARKS 8 Mar 23

The short month of February has ended! We had a good turnout for the February luncheon featuring our "Law and Order" program. George Reed invited our guest speaker, [District Attorney \(DA\) Michael Allen](#). He provided excellent information regarding the work of a DA and the current crime and challenges facing the 850,000 residents of El Paso County and Teller County that comprise the 4th Judicial District (JD).

Another meeting highlight was [Mathew Allen presenting his award-winning Phoenician essay](#) regarding whether voting laws should remain at the State level or be set at the Federal level.

Mike Berendt briefed attendees on our Chapter's [First Responder](#) support for Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD) Awards Ceremony.

Special thanks to the Companions attending the February meeting where the Chapter's revised Bylaws were unanimously approved. Please go to the chapter's website (www.cos-moww.org) should you want to review the bylaws.

Our Chapter is working with the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) in planning for the next [Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference \(RMYLC\)](#). We need Companions to volunteer to support the execution of the conference or provide financial support. Please contact me if interested in helping with the conference.

March we will have a TSA presentation; April, a Space Force presentation and May, a Mt Carmel Veteran's Center presentation. Please consider attending these upcoming meetings and bring potential new members as well!

Finally, March is the month for you to consider running for our Chapter Staff positions: Chapter Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant and Treasurer. We are

always looking for new volunteers for these positions to bring in new ideas and provide the leadership to keep our Chapter successful. You can find more information about the duties and responsibilities of these positions at our chapter website: <https://cos-moww.org>.

Looking forward to seeing you at the March Membership Meeting!

STEPHEN SHAMBACH
COL, USA (Ret)

Chapter Commander

It is nobler to serve than to be served

UPCOMING EVENTS (March & Later)

✓ STAFF MEETING (16 Mar 23)

- Thursday, 1730.
- Location: Hill House
- Zoom Info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88248811852?pwd=O U9PQVpQOUh2VEFybjdJNDZGaThQQT09>

✓ MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

(18 Mar 23)

- Guest Speaker: Norman Lieberman, TSA, Intelligence.
- Saturday, time 1130.
- Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course.
- RSVP Required: no later than 1200, Tuesday, 14 Mar to [Mike Berendt](#)
- Menu: Buffet.
- Notify [Mike Berendt](#) of special menu requirements when submitting RSVP.
- Cost: \$25 (cash or check only)

- Zoom Info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82816260177?pwd=S XNyMDd5cEdUakN0dUFLOTVpMjIQU09>

✓ 2023-2024 STAFF OFFICER ELECTIONS (MAY)

- Nominations and Volunteers (Mar and April)

✓ NATIONAL CONVENTION (1-6 Aug 23)

- Location: Annapolis, MD



PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP MEETING (18 Feb 23)

The Chapter was pleased to welcome the Honorable Michael J. Allen, District Attorney (DA) for the 4th JD encompassing El Paso and Teller Counties in Colorado and his wife Heidi. The 4th JD is one of 22 JD's in the State of Colorado. DA Miller's presentation included the district's history, 4th JD's mission and crime data analysis. The 4th JD mission is to "administer justice, advocate for victims and partner with law enforcement and the citizens of this community in the deterrence and prevention of crime." The facts and figures presented provided the audience with an in-depth understanding of the current trends associated with property crime, motor vehicle theft, and impact of drug decriminalization on the community. Since taking office DA Allen has emphasized transparency and all the facts and figures presented are readily available to any citizen on a publicly available dashboard (<https://www.da4colorado.gov/data-dashboards>).

At the conclusion of his presentation the attendees gained a greater appreciation of the difficult work the DA and his staff are engaged in to deliver justice to the residents of the 4th JD.

STAFF MEETING (20 Feb 23)

- Location: Panera Bread 7344 N. Academy Blvd
- Attendees: COL Shambach, Col Neal, LTC Berendt, Lt Col Peters, and Lt Col Swift.
- Prior Month's Minutes. All in attendance voted to approve previous month's meeting minutes.
- Meeting Duration: 1137-1253.

Financials LTC Berendt submitted the Treasurer's Report as of 1 February 2023. The month of January ended with the following assets at Integrity Bank:

Certificate of Deposit:	\$12,342.64
Savings Account Balance:	\$101.17
Checking Account Balance:	\$1,522.39
Reserved for Programs	\$4,778.96
Total Chapter Asset Balance:	\$18,745.16

Committee Updates

- Scouts
USAFA Flight of Eagles Outreach. Lt Col Peters sent e-mail to USAFA club coordinating staff and awaiting response.

Scouting Awards Banquet. Col Neal contacted the Scouting Council to include Chapter representatives in this year's Awards Banquet on 4 Apr to recognize Eagle Scouts and other deserving Scouts.

Troop 149 Eagle Scout Award Ceremony. Col Neal will present three Eagle Scouts awards on 21 Feb.

Girl Scout Award Ceremony. Col Neal working with Evan Totten (Denver MOWW Chapter) to start coordination for the Girl Scout annual Gold Award Ceremony.

- ROTC and JROTC: Confirmed points of contact (POC) for supported schools with JROTC units. Updated Glenwood Springs High School JROTC program is still active. SMSgt Greg Pfeiffer (USAF, Ret) requesting awards for participating cadets. Cochairs continue collecting information on Awards Ceremony dates and awardees. Will solicit support in March Newsletter for Companion volunteer presenters at the high schools throughout Southern Colorado.
- Young Marines Outreach Initiative. Companion Bob Sommers (COL, USMC, Ret) made initial contact and will serve as Chapter liaison for Young Marines.
- Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Outreach Initiative. Lt Col Peters sent e-mail to Civil Air Patrol (CAP) POC for initial contact and awaiting response.
- Patriotic Education - RMYLC 2023 planning has started. Seeking Companion volunteers for 12-16 Jun at CSU Pueblo. High school POCs contacted in February to nominate candidates.
- First Responders – Chapter represented at CSFD annual awards banquet.
- Public Safety and Law & Order – District Attorney Mike Allen guest speaker for 24 Feb membership meeting.
- National Defense and Veteran's Affairs Committees require Companions to volunteer for Committee Chair positions.
- Membership and Recruiting – Companions please consider recruiting younger members. We need to recruit one new member to meet OY 22-23 Chapter Goal (currently have confirmation for two new members).

Old Business

- Recruitment a continuing and ongoing effort to ensure Chapter sustainability.
- Future Programs –Apr and May guest speaker to be determined.
- Patty Jewett Venue Confirmation with Sally Doyle, Patty Jewett Events Coordinator, for 18 Mar and 29 Apr.
- Vacant Positions assigned to existing staff.
- MOWW National Convention. Survey Companions in March 2023 on attendance.
- Upcoming General Membership Meeting speaker confirmed for Mar and working on Apr.

New Business

- Next Staff Meeting Thursday, 16 Mar, 1730 at Hill House.

CHAPTER GOALS FOR THE YEAR

Completed Goal to revise Chapter Bylaws.

MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITING

Companions -- please help us grow our Chapter Membership! Chapter goal to recruit 4 new members by June 30th. If each Companion can invite someone to attend our Membership Meetings that is a great way to encourage joining our organization.

83 Chapter members with 71 residing in Colorado.

FUNDRAISING

As mentioned in last month's newsletter Companion donations is needed to ensure continued support for outreach activities. Please consider donating either to the general fund or to specific programs (see attached donation form).

MOWW polo shirts are selling well. Companions can wear polo shirts at all MOWW events. Please contact [Mike Berendt](#) to order a polo shirt.

FIRST RESPONDER

The Chapter sponsored a table at the Colorado Springs Fire Foundation's Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the Boot Barn Hall on Friday February 10, 2023. This event recognizes outstanding performers across the Fire Department including Firefighters, Paramedics, Fire Mitigation Specialists, Drivers, and Engineers. Special awards are presented for

Valor, Life Rescue, Mentoring, and Training. LTC Mike Berendt and Lt Col Rich Peters represented the Chapter and are pictured here with Colorado Springs Fire Chief Randy Royal and Battalion Chief (Medical) Jess Kruckeberg.



(L to R) LTC Berendt, Chief Royal, Lt Col Peters, and Battalion Chief Kruckeberg.

JROTC/ROTC

Companions, please contact LTC Berendt or Lt Col Swift if you are interested in presenting awards to young adults the Chapter is recognizing at the annual JROTC or ROTC awards ceremonies. The ceremonies typically occur in the May to June time frame.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

MOWW National Phoenician Essay 1st Runner Up Award was presented to Mathew Allen at the February membership meeting. His essay was selected as First Runner Up by the National MOWW

committee from all the essays submitted nationwide! Miriam Shambach (RMYLC essay coordinator) and Steve Shambach presented Mathew with an MOWW CINC letter, certificate, a \$1,000 check and a



CINC coin. His mother Theresa accompanied him, and we are proud of his accomplishment!

RMYLEC planning has started and the Chapter is working with the RMYLF for the June 12-16 RMYLC at CSU Pueblo. This involves about 100 rising high school seniors for a week in-resident experience emphasizing leadership, patriotism and the free enterprise system. RMYLC information at the RMYLF website: www.rmylf.org

MEMBERSHIP MEETING (18 Mar 23)

Homeland Security

Guest speaker is Norman Lieberman, Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Intelligence & Analysis Supporting CO, ID, MN, MT, NM, ND, SD, UT & WY.

Topic: Department of Homeland Security, Fusion Centers and current Threat Picture.

Scouting Fundraiser

Investment in Character Luncheon – May 3rd, 2023 at Noon!!

As mentioned by our January speaker, Mr. Adam Weitzel, the luncheon is the Pathway to the Rockies Council's largest fundraising event of the year. Table Hosts invite co-workers, business partners, community leaders, friends, and Scouting enthusiasts to attend the event and find out 'what's happening' in the world of Scouting. This year, the event will take place at the Flying W. Ranch where attendees will enjoy a chuckwagon spread of smoked meats with all the trimmings followed by an action-packed program **featuring 5x Olympic Gold Medalist, Missy Franklin.**

If you are interested in attending and hearing Missy talk, the link for info and sign up is:

[Investment in Character Luncheon - Pathway to the Rockies Council](#)

March Companions Birthdays

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

April Companions Birthdays

LTC William Linn II – 12 Apr.

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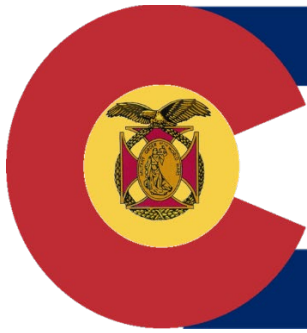
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Link to MOWW [Preamble](#)

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CONTRIBUTION OR PLEDGE

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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