

# Military Order of the World Wars



## CHAPTER 151 REGION XIII MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER



The Military Order of the World Wars  
Colorado Springs Chapter  
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### COMMANDER'S REMARKS (12 May 23)

Greetings, Companions!

May is here, school is ending, and summer vacations are starting, and maybe the snow is behind us!

Lots of activity occurred in the Month of April.

- Our chapter continues to present awards to Boy and Girl Scouts and ROTC/JROTC detachments. In addition, we had a very successful membership meeting on April 29th.
- We held chapter elections. Starting July 1st, your staff will consist of:

- Commander: Col (USAF, ret) Kerm Neal
- Senior Vice Commander: Lt Col (USAF, ret) Jim Borders
- Junior Vice Commander: Lt Col (USAF, ret) Rich Peters
- Adjutant: Lt Col (USAF, ret) Ulysses Swift
- Treasurer: LTC (USA, ret) Mike Berendt

Congratulations to these officers who Companions elected to guide chapter for the upcoming year! Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYFL) still taking applications for RMYLC. Please see [link](#) for more info.

Looking forward to seeing you at our May Membership Meeting!

**STEPHEN SHAMBACH, Col, USA (Ret)**

**Chapter Commander**

**It is nobler to serve than to be served**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ STAFF MEETING (15 May 23)
  - Thursday, 1300
  - Location: Hill House
  - [Virtual Mtg Info](#)
  - **No Staff Meeting in June**
- ✓ MEMBERSHIP DINNER (18 May 23)
  - Thursday, 1700
  - Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course



- Program: Troy Smith Mt. Carmel Director of Development & Fundraising
  - [Virtual Mtg Info](#)
- ✓ MOWW Annual Conference (1-6 Aug 23)
- Location: Annapolis, MD

### APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (29 Apr 23)

Col Dave Brooks, Army Space Brigade Commander, provided an informative presentation on Army Space now and in the future. He is transitioning to become the Commandant of the Army Space initiative to stand up professional development training and education for Army Space officers and NCOs.



*Chapter Commander Shambach presents certificate to COL Brooks.*

### MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING (18 May 23)

Veteran's Affairs Program for May meeting. Meeting is Thursday, 18 May, a dinner at Patty Jewett Golf Course. We are returning to evening dinners for the summer to avoid end of school activities and increased golfing traffic. Our speaker, Mr. Troy Smith, Director of Development and Fundraising, will focus on supporting Veterans. Due to the short turnaround, please RSVP as soon as possible or not later than noon on Monday 15 May to [LTC Berendt](#).

## STAFF MEETING

- 21 Apr 23 Hill House 1110-1303
- Attendees: BGEN Trifiletti, COL Shambach, Col Neal, LTC Berendt, Lt Col Swift and Lt Col Peters
- Treasurer's Report: Current as of 1 Apr 23. LTC Berendt received and deposited the \$350.54 MOWW Perpetual and Memorial (P&M) Fund distribution check for OY 2022. This was 85% less than last year's amount of \$1966.03.

Account	Balance
Checking	\$5,410.89
CDs:	\$12,289.51
Savings:	\$101.29
Total:	\$17,801.69

## CHAPTER GOALS FOR THE YEAR (UPDATE)

**Completed sustainment activities** for Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), Junior ROTC, Public Safety & Law and Order (local police, fire and medical), and Homeland Security.

**Added National Defense and Veteran's Affairs Committee** requiring development of sustainment plan.

**Met** Chapter recruiting goal of 4% (3 new members)

**Met** goal to co-sponsor the 2023 RMYLC in conjunction with RMYLF

## NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

### Region XIII Quarterly Meeting 13 Apr 23

COL Shambach and Lt Col Peters attended the region meeting virtually.

Change in Region leadership on 1 Jun when Pat Stolz vacates his position as Region Commander.

The following "takeaways" from meeting:

- Seeking Companions to volunteer for region leadership positions including Region Commander, Region Vice Commander(s). Please contact [COL Shambach](#) if interested in volunteering for any of these Region positions.
- MOWW Oversight Vice Commander in Chief, Lt Col Marlon Ruiz introducing proposed Chapter model with National Headquarters' Staff. This new model has the potential to expand Companion outreach to all 50 states without necessarily having an operating Chapter. For

example, a single Companion in a state has the potential to provide services to areas within the state that may not have an operating Chapter.

- Membership Virtual Seminar scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 10:00 AM ([Zoom link](#)) and 2:00 PM EDT ([Zoom link](#)).
- Published new MOWW Brand Guidelines on the MOWW Web Page ([link](#)).
- Spring Region XIII Zoom Spring Conference scheduled for Tuesday, 13 Jun at 1800 AZ time (7:00 PM MDT). Please contact Staff if interested in participating to ensure receipt of conference virtual information.

## NATIONAL PROGRAM LOCAL ARTICLES

### JROTC/ROTC ARTICLE

All but one awardee name has been received (Vista Ridge HS), the award packages prepared and distributed to presenters, and MOWW

Companions presented awards at four ceremonies starting in April. The



*Col Taylor presents Award of Merit to Air Academy High Schools Miriam Hatch.*

remaining presenter vacancies were filled at the Staff Meeting. Many thanks to Companions BG Trifiletti, Lt Col Swift, LTC Berendt, Lt Col Peters, COL Shambach, and Col Taylor who volunteered to present MOWW Award of Merit Medals and Certificates at 15 JROTC and 1 ROTC Award Ceremonies. Pueblo County West HS ceremony on 11 May was the last ceremony for this year

### PATRIOTIC EDUCATION



RMYLF expanded criteria to include current Sophomores through Seniors for attendance and is still accepting Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) applications for 12-16 June conference at CSU Pueblo. The RMYLC includes approximately 100 students for a week long in-resident experience emphasizing leadership, patriotism and the free enterprise system. If you know of any high school student who you think are interested in this week long, no cost program, have them contact their high school counselor or JROTC instructor for an application. The deadline for applications has been extended until the middle of May. Additional details at the RMYLF website: [www.rmylf.org](http://www.rmylf.org).

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### SCOUTING

- The Chapter presented a total of 16 awards to BSA Eagle Scouts in southern Colorado. Additionally, COL Shambach and Lt Col Neal attended the annual Pathway to the Rockies Recognition Banquet where they recognized eleven new Eagle Scouts with MOWW certificates. In conversation with the “Pathway To The Rockies” program director, we will have the option to give the awards individually on the stage next year. Great advertising for the Order! The Scouting Awards Banquet emcee provided an outstanding introduction to MOWW to attendees the Staff is considering using as a standard.
- Col Neal worked with Denver Chapter’s Evan Totten, and mailed eleven recognition certificates to the Girl Scout POC in Denver for presentation to southern Colorado Gold Award recipients.

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### VETERAN’S AFFAIRS

Junior Vice Commander Lt Col Peters volunteered to chair this committee. Will contact local Veteran Service Organizations or private organizations supporting veteran’s where chapter can provide support. For example, annual Stand Down that occurs in October, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) job fairs, etc.

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### COMPANION OUTREACH & INTEREST



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### ARTICLES DIRECTED AT COMPANIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Chapter Membership is 84. Future newsletter will provide information on results of Companion outreach.

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### RECRUITING AND OUTREACH

- The Staff is contacting members to check on our Companions and see how they are doing and how the Chapter can support them. This initiative is actively seeking Companions reengagement with Chapter operations.
- Budget projections resulted in delaying Outreach initiatives involving the Colorado Springs Chapter of the Young Marines and the Colorado Springs Civil Air Patrol.
- USAFA Flight of Eagles outreach -- USAFA Club Coordinator provided direction on reestablishing Eagles Club. Requires a Cadet to spearhead effort and serve as POC. Lt Col Peters working with various contacts to get Cadet volunteer. Lt Col Peters transitioning initiative to Col Neal for completion through Pathway to the Rockies organization.
- Please contact Lt Col Peters if you want to volunteer to assist with these initiatives plus joining Homeland Security, National Defense, and Veteran’s Affairs committees.



### CURRENT MONTH COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

**May:** 1LT Valerie Warner – 1 May; CDR Brian Gauck – 12 May; Col Paul Willey – 13 May; Lt Col John Snider – 15 May; Col Robert Smith –

18 May; LTC Phillip Mallory II, MD – 18 May;  
Col James Taylor – 21 May; Col AJ Gerathy, Jr. –  
23 May; LTC Michael Berendt – 24 May.

#### NEXT MONTH COMPANIONS BIRTHDAYS

**June:** MAJ Dean Rizzo – 5 Jun; 2Lt Kaleb Neal –  
5 Jun; Mr. Walter Roy – 8 Jun; Maj John Helinski –  
8 Jun; Lt Col Richard Peters – 12 Jun; LTC James  
Liedle – 15 Jun; Maj William Frier – 16 Jun;  
CPT Daniel Monroe – 16 Jun; LTC Chad Henderson  
– 20 Jun; COL Mark Weinerth – 23 Jun; Lt Col  
Ulysses Swift - 28 Jun; LTC Jo Carroll – 30 Jun.

#### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

##### COMPANION AWARD(S)

Chapter Commander  
Shambach presented  
two MOWW National  
Citations for exceptional  
service to Lt Col Ulysses  
Swift for his work as  
Adjutant and the  
ROTC/JROTC program  
and LTC Mike Berendt  
for his work as  
Treasurer, ROTC/JROTC



*Chapter Commander  
presents award to LTC  
Berendt.*

program and increasing  
the Chapter's visibility  
having numerous  
Chapter in Action  
articles published in the  
Officer Review  
magazine.

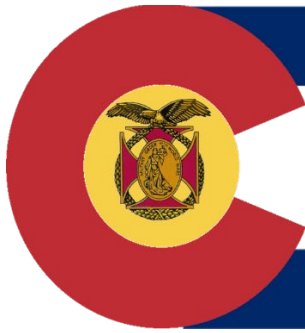


*Chapter Commander presents  
award to Lt Col Swift*

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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.)

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Name

Please make checks payable to Colorado Springs Chapter, MOWW

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