

# Military Order of the World Wars



## Chapter 151 Region XIII June 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.

### DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REMARKS (1 Jun)

I want to remind everyone of our motto, "It is nobler to serve than to be served". While we have 252 members in our Department, much of the serving is primarily the Chapter Staff's and a few other companions. Looking ahead to the upcoming operating year (OY), I would like to see more engagement from all of you to contribute your time, talents and/or treasure to expand the awareness of MOWW. There are numerous ways you can help such as attending events honoring our veterans, representing your Chapter at public gatherings, talking about MOWW with your friends and colleagues, attending meetings and getting involved. Please contact your Chapter Staff to provide any suggestions that will increase your MOWW participation.

STEPHEN A. SHAMBACH (COL, USA, Ret)  
Department Commander

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### CHAPTER COMMANDER'S REMARKS (1 Jun)

We have just finished Memorial Day. I hope you were able to honor our fallen as well as have time over the weekend for time with family and friends or joining the many who traveled over the weekend. May was the time for many high school and college graduations, as well as the Academies

holding their commissioning and graduation ceremonies (notice the order of importance). I was privileged to present the National Military Order of the World Wars Lufbery Award to the cadet identified as the best in Western Languages at the Air Force Academy. Looking ahead, several companions and I have been working some long hours preparing to run this year's Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) at CSU Pueblo, 12-16 June. This year, we have 95 high school students from numerous high schools along the front range. Most are going to be leading in their schools and communities as seniors in the fall. This is a terrific program featuring leadership, the Constitution and Patriotism and the Free Enterprise System. You will be receiving an invitation to attend the culminating Awards Banquet on Thursday evening, 15th of June. I would encourage you to attend to see what your Chapter is doing to develop our future leaders. Finally, our Chapter Operating Year concludes on June 30th and we will be preparing for the transition to your new Commander, Kerm Neal and the staff for 2023-2024. Your chapter has accomplished a great deal during the past year, and we have submitted several nominations to be considered for Chapter of the Year in the medium size (99 members or less) category. While we do not conduct ourselves in order to receive awards, we do take pride in being recognized for the areas our chapter has impacted our companions, the community and the nation. We will find out the results of our efforts at the MOWW National Convention in Annapolis, MD in early August. As we approach the summer, I wish you safe travels and blessings as you enjoy time with family and friends!

STEPHEN A. SHAMBACH (COL, USA, Ret)  
Chapter Commander

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **STAFF MEETING (20 Jun)**
  - Tuesday, 1700
  - Location: Hill House
  - Virtual Mtg Link  
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85788632806?pwd=NU1tbHk2MHh5VTMzV0lCYk5QZlNqZz09>)
- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP DINNER**
  - 20 Jul at Patty Jewett Golf Course
  - Virtual Mtg Link published in July newsletter with RSVP information
- ✓ **National Convention (1-6 Aug)**
  - Location: Annapolis, MD
  - Attendees: COL Shambach and Col Neal



## MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### PROGRAM: Veteran Affairs

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW held its monthly membership meeting on 18 May and welcomed Mr. Troy Smith, Mt.

Carmel's Director of Development and Fundraising. His presentation focused on how the non-profit supports local veterans in three primary service areas. The first service area,

Transition and Employment, assists transitioning service members, veterans of all eras, and their family members in gaining meaningful employment, with emphasis on support for military spouses. The next support area is Health and Wellness services for individual, group and couples therapy, no-cost therapeutic retreats, and therapies including trauma-focused yoga, PTS-focused art and photo therapy, tai-chi and more. The final support area, Military, Veteran, and



*COL Shambach (right), COS Commander, presents Mr. Troy Smith (left) with a Certificate of Appreciation*

Family Services, offers a “hand-up” to veterans and their family members who are in crisis. Working with national and community partners, the goal is to help the veteran stabilize their life through access to the wellness and career services Mt. Carmel provides. Mt. Carmel has impacted the lives of nearly 110,000 veterans within El Paso County, CO, regardless of discharge status, and services active-duty military at the four military installations in the area.

## FUTURE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MEMBERSHIP MEETING (20 Jul)

### National Security or Homeland Security

The July Chapter meeting will include induction of new Chapter officers for OY23-24. The Chapter Staff is working with Committee Chairs for Guest Speaker in July including either return guest Lt Gen Miller (National Security) who will provide an update on the Ukraine war since his last presentation at the in January membership meeting or Lt Col Herlick (Homeland Security) on Nearspace Airships (i.e., Chinese Surveillance “Balloon”).

## STAFF MEETING (15 May 23)

Meeting held at Hill House

Attendees COL Shambach, Col Neal, Col Rima, LTC Berendt, Lt Col Swift, and Lt Col Peters  
Duration: 1320-1428

### Decisions:

- Lt Col Peters will attend 13 Jun Region XIII Meeting and report to Staff on relevant information.
- COL Shambach to present 12-16 Jun RMYLC, After Action Report at next Staff meeting.
- Col Neal to present draft OY 23-24 Membership Meeting Schedule and Speakers for Staff review.
- Lt Col Peters to provide status of preparation for 20 July membership meeting with Staff induction
- Lt Col Peters to conduct training at 20 Jun Staff meeting.
- Col Neal will provide Chapter Action Plan for OY23-24 for Staff approval.
- Lt Col Berendt to provide polo shirt sales status.
- Lt Col Peters to report on new MOWW sign.

**Tasks (Due Outs) for discussion at next staff meeting:**

- Lt Col Swift to analyze and provide results on **Companion Outreach effort** with recommendations to Staff on way ahead.
- Lt Col Peters to present Memorandum of Agreement between Chapter and Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) on joint use items (i.e., flags, table decorations, etc.).
- Staff Meeting Committee reports included in newsletter sections (i.e., ROTC/JROTC, Scouting, Patriotic Education, etc.)

**Treasurer's Report**

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$12,289.51
Savings:	\$101.29
Checking:	\$1,148.46
Reserved:	\$3,712.51
Total:	\$17,251.77

**CHAPTER GOALS FOR THE YEAR**

The Chapter achieved 7 of 8 goals for OY22-23 (see February newsletter). The remaining goal the Chapter was unable to achieve was Outreach to expand participation and publicity of Chapter with the public. Col Neal is developing the Chapter Goals for OY23-24 and will continue Outreach initiatives. Please contact anyone on Staff if you have any suggestions for Chapter Goals.

**NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS**

**NATIONAL NEWS**

COL Shambach presented the National MOWW Raoul Lufbery Award recognizing the Outstanding graduating cadet in Foreign Languages from the United States Air Force Academy on 30 May.

Cadet First Class

Christopher Agnew was this year's award winner. After commissioning, 2Lt Agnew will attend the Kennedy School of Government to obtain a Master's Degree.



**REGIONAL NEWS**

COL Shambach will continue as Rocky Mountain Department Commander for OY23-24.

**NATIONAL PROGRAM LOCAL ARTICLES  
HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)**

**Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP)**

**Defined:** An **electromagnetic pulse (EMP)**, also a **transient electromagnetic disturbance (TED)**, is a brief burst of [electromagnetic](#) energy. An EMP event has the capability to temporarily or permanently disable electrical and electronic equipment. Imagine a society without the benefits of electrical equipment. During the pandemic the importance of grocery store trucks were evident. What would happen if there were no trucks? Grocery stores require a continuous supply of these trucks because they stock three days of goods. Without the trucks the grocery store would quickly exhaust the supplies on hand. The EMP Commission studying the effects of an EMP attack against the United States estimates 90% of the population would not survive after one year. Want to know more? Recommend the following books to learn more about what could happen in the event of an EMP attack: One Second After, One Year After and The Final Day a trilogy authored by William R. Forstchen presented as a fictitious novel to entertain but based on government EMP reports. For additional information see this [link](#) for information from Homeland Security, Protecting and Preparing the Homeland Against Threats of Electromagnetic Pulse and Geomagnetic Disturbances.

**NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)**

Excerpt from 12 Oct 22 National Security Strategy providing President Biden's vision for National Security Strategy outlining how the United States will advance our vital interests and pursue a free, open, prosperous, and secure world. We will leverage all elements of our national power to outcompete our strategic competitors; tackle shared challenges; and shape the rules of the road.

The Strategy is rooted in our national interests: to protect the security of the American people, to expand economic opportunity, and to realize and

defend the democratic values at the heart of the American way of life. In pursuit of these objectives, we will:

- Invest in the underlying sources and tools of American power and influence;
- Build the strongest possible coalition of nations to enhance our collective influence to shape the global strategic environment and to solve shared challenges; and
- Modernize and strengthen our military so it is equipped for the era of strategic competition.

See this [link](#) for the full strategy. Although most of us have taken off the uniform it is still important for us to understand and articulate our National Security Strategy to ensure alignment with MOWW goals and objectives.

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### JROTC/ROTC

- LTC Berendt/Lt Col Swift Cochairs. Thanks to BGEN Trifilleti, COL Steve Shambach, Col Jim Taylor, LTC Mike Berendt, Lt Cols Ulysses Swift and Lt Col Rich Peters, and Maj Dave Ritterling who presented MOWW Awards of Merit and Certificates this year. These COS - MOWW Companions recognized 3 outstanding ROTC (UCCS) and 16 JROTC students at Awards Ceremonies in Colorado Springs, Fountain, Pueblo, and Canon City. Last award ceremony was held on 11 May at Pueblo County West HS. LTC Berendt will solicit photographs from the schools for posting on the COS MOWW Website.
- Young Marines and Civil Air Patrol initiatives aligned under ROTC/JROTC with Chapter points of contact reporting to LTC Berendt/Lt Col Swift.

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### PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

RMYLF has received 95 RMYLC applications. RMYLF Staff engaged in planning to execute 12-16 Jun.

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### SCOUTING

USAFA Eagles Club reactivation awaiting points of contact from Cadet Wing. Pursuing cadets participating in summer program at Philmont Scout Ranch.

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### PUBLIC SAFETY/LAW & ORDER

Need replacement for COL Reed for OY23-24 to serve as Committee Chair. COL Shambach will seek recommendation from COL Reed for possible replacement. Lt Col Peters volunteered to perform committee chair duties until a replacement is identified. Lt Col Peters is developing speaker listing and integrating with OY23-24 CAP. The Chapter recognizes and thanks COL Reed for his outstanding support to the Colorado Springs Police Department and Colorado Springs Fire Department. His leadership of the Colorado Springs Police and Fire Foundations epitomizes the MOWW Motto that "It is nobler to serve than to be served."

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### VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

#### 2023 MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

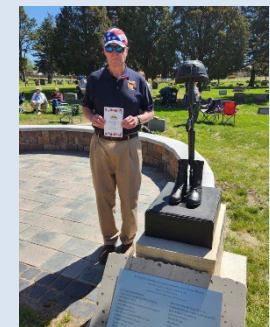
- Ahead of Memorial Day 2023 (May 29), volunteers arrived at the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) Cemetery to place American Flags on graves. Their effort seeks to recognize those



*Lt Col Peters at USAFA Cemetery*

who served our country honorably and have passed away. Companion Richard Peters participates in activity honoring the 1,300 veterans interred there.

- COL Shambach represented the Chapter at the Monument, CO Memorial Day ceremony.



*COL Shambach at Monument Cemetery.*

- Lt Col Peters volunteered to perform committee chair duties until a replacement is identified. Lt Col Peters is developing speaker listing and integrating with OY23-24 CAP.

- Lt Col Peters represented the Chapter at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Pikes Peak National Cemetery.



*Lt Col Peters with El Paso County Commissioner Longinos Gonzales, Jr. at Pikes Peak National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony*

## COMPANION OUTREACH & INTEREST

### COMPANION ARTICLES AND FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS/SALES

## VOLUNTEERS

Companions you can still volunteer for positions supporting RMYLC execution 12-15 Jun.

Please contact COL Shambach.

Companions-please consider volunteering for the following Chapter vacancies:

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



## RECRUITING

Chapter Companions working on recruiting three new members including a volunteer for Chapter Chaplain duties.

## JUNE COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

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

## NEXT MONTH COMPANIONS BIRTHDAYS

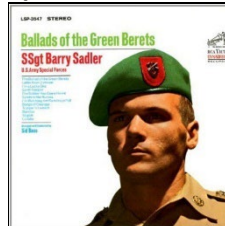
9 Jul – Ms. Eunice Hill, Maj Donald Johnson:  
11 Jul – Lt Col Edward Tomlinson, COL Barrie Town: 12 Jul - Col Frank Seaman: 16 Jul – Mrs. Sandra Russell, Pd.D., Maj William Hybl: 21 Jul – Lt Col Douglas Brower: 22 Jul – Col Robert Sommers: 30 Jul – Lt Col Jon Wisham, Sr.,

## ANNIVERSARIES

June Military Anniversaries & Observances

- D-Day (June 6, 1944)
- Flag Day (June 14)
- Army Birthday (June 14)
- Start of Korean War (June 25, 1950)

## Special Features/Humor/Trivia



Department of Defense Celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Month in May. The Ballad of the Green Beret by **SSG Barry Sadler** a #1 hit in 1966 lyrics written in part, in honor of U.S. Army Specialist 5 **James Gabriel Jr.** a Special Forces operator and the first native Hawaiian to die in Vietnam.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### COMPANION AWARD(S)

## ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS

Companions are encouraged to review the MOWW Awards manual and nominate deserving Companions and non-Companions for MOWW Organizational Awards.



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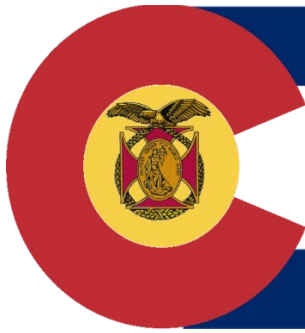
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**CONTRIBUTION OR PLEDGE**

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.)

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