

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII July 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 (13 Jul)

Greetings Companions!

I am honored to have been selected to serve as our Chapter Commander, and hope that I can sustain the level of excellence that Steve provided to the Chapter!

It has been a very busy two months since our last meeting, with another excellent Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) in June, a fantastic Monument 4th of July parade, work on our 2023-2024 Chapter Action Plan and slate of speakers for the coming year.

Additionally, Steve and I will be attending the National MOWW Convention in Annapolis in early August and look forward to providing a read out from National on current and future initiatives.

We cannot do what we do without you, in serving the larger community and providing visibility for all the good that MOWW does. We welcome our new members and thank our current members for their commitment to the MOWW motto! Currently, we are seeking a backup for Lt Col (ret) Rich Peters for IT support for our meetings. If you are interested, please contact Rich or me.

Upcoming, we have the 20 Jul Companions dinner with installation of officers and a fantastic presentation on lighter than air technology and

aerodynamics by Lt Col (ret) Ed Herlik, USAF. Our August meeting will be on Aug 24, with Lt Gen (ret) Chris Miller, USAF, speaking on the Ukraine crisis, and in September we will be present at the 9/11 Commemoration. Also in September, the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) will be holding their annual fundraiser at the Flying W Ranch on Sep 21st. Details to follow.

Lastly, I would like to thank all who made the RMYLC a success. Apologies if I miss anyone, but kudos to COL Shambach, Lt Col Anja Wynne, and Col RF Smith! Their energy and dedication to the program are inspiring and in keeping with the Order's ideals!

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=SW9tSyYtU0p1NC95NFZYZnJXdWRudz09>



✓ MEMBERSHIP DINNER

- 20 Jul at Patty Jewett Golf Course
- RSVP to LTC Berendt no later than 17 Jul
- Virtual Mtg Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89766821237?pwd=US8rL1NnUU8rbWZaNGZHc05NdHNDQT09>

✓ National Convention (1-6 Aug)

- Location: Annapolis, MD
- Attendees: Col Neal and COL Shambach

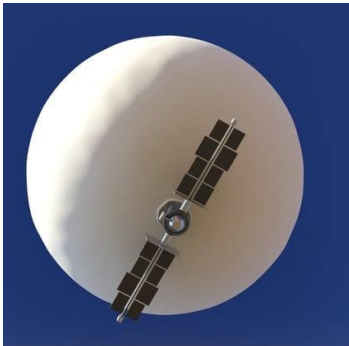
MEMBERSHIP MEETING (20 Jul) Homeland Security

The July Chapter meeting will include induction



of new Chapter officers for OY23-24. Guest Speaker will be Lt Col Edward Herlik on Nearspace Airships (i.e., Chinese Surveillance “Balloon”). Lt Col

Herlik Ed Herlik is a recognized authority in three areas critically related to anything on ‘Near Space,’ or stratospheric unmanned systems. That recognition was strong enough for national publications to quote him, to gain a patent on stratospheric airship technology and frequently requested to speak at national aviation conferences. He was born into a military family overseas, a classic Army brat. From there, Ed was commissioned at the Air Force Academy and flew the A-10 Warthog attack jet, among many other military and civilian aircraft. He understands airspace and air defense. On the technical side, Ed served in Air Force Space Command for the entire time it was assigned to develop unmanned systems that would operate in the stratosphere for at least a month at a time. That effort was once Space Command’s highest priority. He served in and sometimes led the small Space Command team tasked with making it work. That led to his receiving all of the classified and proprietary information that was in any way related to Near Space developments. Later, Ed patented a Near Space or stratospheric airship design. He



remains one of perhaps five experts in the US on both the technology and best uses of such unmanned aerial vehicles. He specialized in weaponizing them. As a civilian, Ed and a partner created Market Info Group, a technology forecasting company. He also wrote for that company, specifically on stratospheric or Near Space unmanned aerial vehicles. He spoke at many unmanned systems conferences as the invited expert on stratospheric unmanned systems.

STAFF MEETING (20 Jun and 7 Jul)

*Documents the two staff meetings held between 1 Jun and 13 Jul Newsletter publications.

Meetings held at Hill House with in person and virtual attendees.

Attendees COL Shambach, Col Neal, Col Rima, LTC Berendt, Lt Col Swift, and Lt Col Peters, Lt Col Swift, and Lt Col Peters (BGEN Trifiletti (6 Jul)

Duration: 1700-1820 (20 Jun); 1500-1645 (6 Jul)

Decisions:

- Lt Col Herlik selected as July Guest Speaker and Lt Gen Miller selected as August Guest Speaker.
- Lt Col Berendt only has five polo shirts remaining in various sizes.

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

- Lt Col Swift provides synopsis of **Companion Outreach**. Staff to continue outreach until each assigned Companion responds with status or provides updated information. Way ahead delayed until August Staff meeting.
- Lt Col Peters drafted Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Chapter and Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) on joint use items (i.e., flags, table decorations, etc.). MOU in coordination with both organizations.
- Lt Col Peters to report on new MOWW sign.
- Staff reviewing draft Chapter Action Plan (CAP). MOWW HQs has a new 2023-2028 Strategic Plan for approval at National Convention. Staff decided to continue with basic structure of previous CAP aligned with 2020-2025 Strategic Plan and adjust accordingly when new plan is published. Staff accepts that the Chapter will

experience changes in process and procedures as the Chapter transitions.

Treasurer's Report

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$12,329.11
Savings:	\$101.61
Checking:	\$1,305.82
Reserved:	\$3,636.01
Total:	\$17,372.55

CHAPTER GOALS FOR THE YEAR

Companions can expect CAP in August. Companions are encouraged to contact any Staff member with suggestions for Chapter Goals as the Staff transitions to the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

REGION XIII SPRING VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
LTC (Dr.) Michael Okin attended regional conference and provided the following information:

- MOWW is not meeting IRS guidelines for tax deductions for 501(c)19 requiring 75% of Companions to have served during time of war. HQs taking action to comply with guidelines. HQs no longer pursuing 501(c)3 for MOWW.
- HQs is exploring establishing 501(c)3 MOWW Foundation.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Organizational name change will provide research update at convention.

NATIONAL PROGRAM LOCAL ARTICLES

HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)

Companions please consider volunteering to attend Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sponsored Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training. The CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live. Volunteers learn basics about how to respond to a disaster or emergency in their community through training provided free by the Pikes Peak Office of Emergency Management and its partners. Training includes local risks, personal

preparedness, fire and hazmat safety, disaster medical operations, light search & rescue, psychological first aid, terrorism awareness, and team organizational skills.

The CERT program offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks.

See this link for El Paso County CERT

<https://admin.elpasoco.com/pproem/cert/>.

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)

Interim National Security Strategic Guidance (March 2021)

Requirements included in guidance include the following:

- Defend and nurture the underlying sources of American strength, including
- our people, our economy, our national defense, and our democracy at home;
- Promote a favorable distribution of power to deter and prevent adversaries from directly threatening the United States and our allies, inhibiting access to the global commons, or dominating key regions;
- Lead and sustain a stable and open international system, underwritten by strong democratic alliances, partnerships, multilateral institutions, and rules.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

RMYLEF Staff successfully executed RMYLC 12-16 Jun at CSU-Pueblo. After action review scheduled for 18 July.

PUBLIC SAFETY/LAW & ORDER

Chapter is seeking Companion to serve as committee chair. Please contact Lt Col Peters (interim chair) if interested in volunteering for this position.

SCOUTING

USAFA Eagles Club reactivation still in progress. Col Neal working with Pathway to the Rockies BSA. Identifying Possible cadet points of contact on hold until Cadets return from summer programs.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

2023 INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES

COL Shambach and Ms. Miriam Shambach attended the Kiwanis Monument Hill



Club July 4 Independence Day Parade. They were two of the 20,000+ spectators who attended the "biggest small-town parade in America" viewing 80 entries (i.e., floats, vehicles and various walking/marching organizations, etc.)



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-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

Companions please continue to recruit members for the Chapter.

JULY COMPANION 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.,

AUGUST COMPANIONS 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

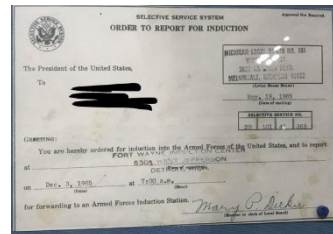
ANNIVERSARIES

July Military Anniversaries & Observances

- Independence Day (July 4)
- National Hire a Veteran Day (July 25)
- Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (July 27)
- Buffalo Soldiers Day (July 28)
- Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary (July 29)

Special Features/Humor/Trivia

The last draft call was on December 7, 1972, and the authority to induct expired on June 30, 1973.



The date of the last drawing for the lottery was on March 12, 1975. Registration with the Selective Service System was

suspended on April 1, 1975, and registrant processing was suspended on January 27, 1976.



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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

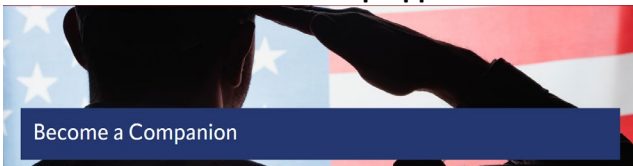
COMPANION AWARD(S)

The Chapter will recognize two Companions at the upcoming General Membership meeting. One Companion for the Silver Patrick Henry Award and one Companion with the Outstanding Service Medal.

ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS

The Chapter was nominated for numerous national awards with results announced at the upcoming national Convention.

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-content/uploads/2022/10/MembershipApplication-MOWW-1.pdf>

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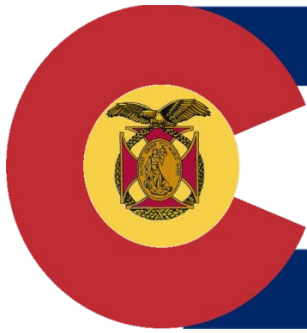
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Yes, I am making a tax-deductible contribution or pledge to the Colorado Springs Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars.

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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