

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII September 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 (17 Sep)

Hello Companions!

Thank you very much for your flexibility last month! Gen Miller is doing well now, and we're working with his office to reschedule his presentation. We thank RF Smith for his being able to step in to provide an excellent overview of the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF)!

As a reminder, in lieu of monthly meeting at Patty Jewett for September, we will meet at Flying W for the RMYLF fundraiser. The Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) is our Capstone Event Patriotic Education event each year, and is of tremendous value in teaching patriotism, citizenship, and capitalism/free enterprise to incoming high school seniors from across the front range! If you cannot attend, we highly encourage donating to this excellent and worthwhile endeavor. It costs approximately \$60,000 per year to run a successful conference, and this event is the principal RMYLF fundraiser. The cost is \$50.00 per person (regularly \$70), and will include a traditional Chuckwagon Meal with the Flying W Wranglers providing entertainment!! The gate opens at 1700, you can explore the Flying W grounds from 1700-1830, dinner served at 1830, and the event will adjourn at 2045. You can purchase tickets at https://www.flipcause.com/hosted_widget/event_st_ep2/MTg1NDI2/219695. A drink ticket for the bar is included for each adult standard ticket purchased. If you cannot attend, your tax-deductible donation is

also greatly appreciated, through this link:

https://rmylfoundation.flipcause.com/hosted_widget/hostedWidgetHome/MTYxMDk3

Also, as promised, here is a link to the new MOWW National Strategic Plan: <https://moww.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Approved-MOWW-Strategic-Plan-2023-1.pdf>.

Lastly, as I write this, I think of the events of September 11, 2001. Like many of you I remember where I was, and how quickly we all answered the call to duty. We remember the first responders who gave everything to save others on that day, and those in uniform who followed their lead in deploying overseas to fight a new kind of threat. Thank you to all of you who served, and are still serving.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege!

Very respectfully,

KERMIT NEAL (Col, USAF, Ret)

Chapter Commander

It is nobler to serve than to be served

UPCOMING EVENTS

✓ STAFF MEETING (19 Sep)

- Tuesday, 1700
- Location: Hill House
- Virtual Mtg Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85070692714?pwd=WGhncJNNRWhRMUNiUldCZDU0VDd6Zz09>



✓ RMYLF "Ranch Night" Celebration and Fundraiser (21 Sep)

- Thursday, 1700
- Location: Flying W Ranch; 3330 Chuckwagon Rd; Colorado Springs, CO 80919
- Link to tickets: www.rmylf.org

✓ MEMBERSHIP DINNER (19 Oct)

- Thursday, 1700
- Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
- RSVP to LTC Berendt no later than noon on 16 Oct.

- Virtual Mtg Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89146015760?pwd=djVrU0M4Q2lyWGZXdHNPRi96bE1MQT09>

MEMBERSHIP MEETING (24 Aug)

The August Chapter meeting featured RMYLF Chief Executive Officer and Companion Robert F. (RF) Smith (Lt Col, USAF, Ret) providing information on the recently completed RMYLC plus information on the relationship between RMYLF and MOWW Chapter, conference approach, student selection process, organizational history, and future objectives. The RMYLF has successfully graduated 2320 students. Both the Denver and Colorado Springs Chapters are supporting organization to the RMYLF to execute the yearly conference.

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING (19 Oct) Veteran Affairs

Ms. Cindy Long, Director of Honor Flight of Southern Colorado. Honor Flight is a National Organization that transports veterans on a three-day tour of Washington DC to visit their memorials free of cost.



Their goal is to take 50-100 of southern Colorado heroes per year to Washington DC to honor them with visit to their memorial while they are still with us. Honor Flight of Southern Colorado has flown over 300 veterans from all six services on this trip of a lifetime.

The weekend includes visits to sites such as the Lincoln Memorial, the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the Viet Nam Memorial.

Some visits include the United States Marine Corp Memorial, the United States Navy Memorial, the United States Air Force Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery.



STAFF MEETING (15 Aug)

Mike/Ulysses ROTC/JROTC Cochairs developing lessons learned for 2024 academic year.
 Donations needed to meet future financial obligations.
 New Strategic Goal #5 is "Increase revenues ensuring

adequate financial resources to fulfill the Order's mission."

Staff decided Staff Meeting minutes and monthly newsletters will serve as the historical records for the Chapter.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Berendt provided financial information as of 2 Aug.

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$12,329.11
Savings:	\$101.61
Checking:	\$2036.32
Reserved:	\$3,636.01
Total:	\$18103.05

DRAFT CHAPTER GOALS FOR THE YEAR

1. Establish a calendar of events for the remainder of 2023 and the upcoming operating year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024).
2. Conduct monthly Chapter meetings virtually and in person for a hybrid capability for members to attend either virtually or in-person.
3. Establish/sustain committees responsible for interacting with the following organizations:
 - a. Boy Scouts of America
 - b. Girl Scouts of America
 - c. Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)
 - d. Junior ROTC
 - e. First Responders (local police, fire and medical)
 - f. Homeland Security and National Defense
4. Increase membership by at least 4% (3 new members and replacements for the fallen, based on current membership of 84).
5. Outreach. Expand participation and publicity of our Chapter with the public.
6. Co-sponsor the 2023 and 2024 Youth Leadership Conference in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation.
7. Create a 3-year-succession plan for each elected officer billet.
8. Recognize Companion excellence.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

Companions Kerm Neal (Commander), Randy Helms (Colorado Springs Councilman), and Rich Peters (Junior Vice Commander) attended the 9/11 memorial with community and military leaders who gathered at Fort Carson Colorado in front of a twisted beam from the towers to remember the nearly 3,000 people who died

on 9/11 and those killed in the Global War on Terror that followed.

Col. Buddy Ferris, 4th Infantry Division deputy commander called on the community to remember not only the tragedy, but the nation's resilience and those who answered the call to serve after the terrorist attacks. He said, "Our challenge today is to ensure we never forget those that perished, but also to remember how we responded, how we came together as a community and as a country."



(L-R) Kerm Neal, Randy Helms, and Rich Peters in front of Fort Carson Twin Tower Steel Beam

government disruption and dismantlement campaigns to attack cartels.

- We are working collaboratively with our partners across government, at home and abroad, and with industry and academia, to manage and reduce risk to the cyber and physical infrastructure Americans rely on every day.

JROTC/ROTC

Chapter Staff continues to engage with Young Marines and Civil Air Patrol to integrate MOWW awards program with these organizations. Mesa Ridge Navy JROTC program held a "car wash" fundraiser on Saturday 16 September.

NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

- The Staff is working to reschedule Maj Gen Chris Miller's update on current events associated with the Ukrainian War.
- Please contact Rich Peters if you have any suggestions for future NS presentations or topics.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

- Companion Anja Wyne (Lt Col, USAF, Ret) will serve as the 2024 RMYLC Director replacing Steve Shambach. She was the 2023 RMYLC Deputy Director.
- Recruiting RMYLC Candidates. Initial recruiting meeting held on 8 Aug. Companion RF Smith (Lt Col, USAF, Ret) will convene another membership task force after the September fund raiser to discuss recruiting.

PUBLIC SAFETY/LAW & ORDER (PS/L&O)

Companion John Hanaan has volunteered to serve as the PS/L&O Committee Chair. Please contact [John](#) if interested in working on PS/L&O Committee.

SCOUTING

Still pursuing activating Eagles Club at USAFA. Working with USAFA/A5 staff to identify cadets who participated in this year's National Jamboree as possible sponsors.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

El Paso County "Stand Down" October 17. The Stand Down for Homeless Veterans is one day event where Pikes Peak Region Homeless & At Risk Veterans are invited to gather in preparation for the approaching Rocky Mountain Winter Months. They are connected

NATIONAL PROGRAM LOCAL ARTICLES

HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)

Secretary Mayorkas 21 Apr 23 address to Council on Foreign Relations Highlighted Tackling an Evolving Threat Landscape. Some highlights include the following:

- To meet the threat of domestic violent extremism, we created the Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships to share with local communities the best practice models of identification and intervention when an individual is exhibiting signs of moving towards violence.
- Through our grant programs we are helping communities build threat prevention capabilities where previously they did not exist, responding to the reality that major metropolitan areas are no longer our adversaries' only targets.
- Across the Federal Government, we are working with communities impacted by unprecedented extreme weather events to strengthen their long-term recovery.
- We have developed for the first time Department-wide incident management teams to lead all-of-government responses to emergent challenges, from vaccinating millions of Americans against COVID-19 and resettling Afghan nationals in Operation Allies Welcome, to providing protection for fleeing Ukrainians in Uniting for Ukraine.
- We are coordinating and sharing intelligence with our partner nations and executing whole of

with services & opportunities to help them better their lives.

Please reach out to any veteran experiencing homelessness to attend this session at the City Auditorium 221 Kiowa St, starting at 0800.

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 consider volunteering for the following Chapter vacancies:

- 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.

SEPTEMBER COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

7 Sept – LTC Francis Wynne; 13 Sept – CPT George Gay; 24 Sept – Mr. Curt Reus; 29 Sept – Ms. Stephanie Johnson, COL Mark Ellis, COL Stephen Shambach; and 30 Sept – COL Edward Fisher

OCTOBER COMPANIONS BIRTHDAYS

5 Oct – Col John Abbatiello; 6 Oct – COL Lee Van Arsdale; Oct 20 – LT Robert Bythwood; CPT John Hannon; Oct 23 – Col Watt Hill, Jr.; Oct 26 – LTC Victor Tise; Oct 30 – Capt Ronald Maw

ANNIVERSARIES

September Military Anniversaries & Observances

- Sept. 2 -- Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day)
- Sept. 11 – Patriot Day – Remember and honor those injured or killed during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

- Sept. 15 – POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sept. 18 – Air Force Birthday
- Sept. 24 – Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day – A day to honor the families of fallen Servicemembers.

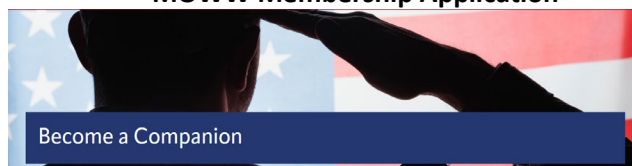
Special Features/Humor/Trivia

From: Military Recruiter Website

(<https://recruitmilitary.com/employers/resource/419-did-you-know-these-military-facts>)

- Age limits for entering active-duty service are now between 17-39. Previously the cut-off for joining active-duty service was 17-23.
- The U.S. Army was in charge of exploring and mapping America. The Lewis and Clark Expedition was an all-Army affair. Army officers were the first Americans to see such landmarks as Pike's Peak and the Grand Canyon.
- The first woman to serve in the military posed as a man. In 1781, Deborah Sampson enlisted in the Army with a fake male identity. She went undetected until she sustained multiple injuries at battle and her identity was discovered. She was the only woman to earn a full military pension for participation in the Revolutionary Army.
- Military families relocate 10 times more often than civilian families. On average, military families are sent to new duty stations every 2 or 3 years.
- The U.S. Government is the largest employer of veterans. Veterans are significantly more likely than nonveterans to work for the federal government, and women veterans are the most likely of all to work for the federal government.

MOWW Membership Application



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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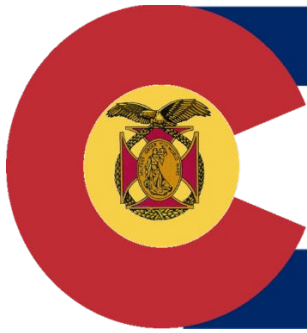
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Link to MOWW [Preamble](#)

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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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