

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII December 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 (7 Dec)

Hello Companions!

Many thanks to Nate Watanabe for his outstanding presentation in November on threats to the Homeland. Not much can be said, due to the confidentiality of the subject, but needless to say Nate's presentation was thought provoking, timely, and meaningful. We will definitely get Nate back at a future date.

We are taking the month of December on hiatus, given the busyness of the season and to give time for thanks and family in our great nation. I hope everyone had a joyful and wonderful time over Thanksgiving with loves ones, and that your Christmas season is peaceful! We are thankful for those who are serving overseas and in CONUS for their service to our Nation and their willingness to "stand the watch" to keep us and our freedoms safe, and to those first responders who keep us all safe every day.

As mentioned at our last meeting, all Companions should have received their Survey Monkey e-mails covering two vital areas for the Order: Membership, and Naming. If you did not receive an e-mail, there is a QR code in the current edition of Officer Review. If you did not participate, but would like to, please let me know and I will get with MOWW National to see if your input will be taken. There was a tight timeline for completion of the survey. The current plan is for the

Ad Hoc Committees to brief the EXCOMM by 15 February, and a vote will be held at the next Convention. Highly encourage attendance at the next convention (held in Valley Forge 5-11 Aug 2024) to ensure your voice is heard on these two issues.

We were able to nail down a date to bring in Lt Gen Miller for his Ukraine Update, at our January 20th meeting. Very much looking forward to his presentation! The staff met Dec 5th to coordinate future community participation (i.e., 4th of July Parade in Monument, next year's Veterans Day Parade, etc.), and to line up our speaker schedule for remainder of the OY.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!! Thank you again for the honor and privilege!

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KERMIT NEAL (Col, USAF, Ret)

Chapter Commander

It is nobler to serve than to be served

UPCOMING EVENTS

✓ STAFF MEETING (11 Jan)

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81051587091?pwd=QTFfTE0rbGgrd3ZvbWxkdjFwQmtOQT09>

✓ MEMBERSHIP MEETING LUNCH (20 Jan)

- Saturday, 1100
- Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
- Cost: \$25
- RSVP to LTC Berendt no later than noon on Tuesday 16 Jan.
- Virtual Mtg Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84342139803?pwd=bk5jOHp1YVZadHVzdjFwQmtOQT09>



NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING (18 Nov)
Homeland Security

The Chapter welcomed GS-15 Nathan Watanabe (LTC, USA, Ret) who provided a rare insider's look at USNORTHCOM and NORAD. LTC Watanabe is an Adjunct Professor of Homeland Security at Colorado State University-Pueblo and is currently a Strategic Campaign Planner and Deputy Branch Chief (J5) at the North American Aerospace Defense Command and US Northern Command (NORAD and USNORTHCOM) both headquartered at Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado. His remarks, presented on a non-attribution basis, provided Companions with a candid look at the strategic priorities and current focus areas of the two Commands responsible for homeland defense of the United States and Canada.



(L-R) Nathan Watanabe receiving Certificate of Appreciation from Chapter Commander Kerm Kneal

**UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING (20 Jan 24)
National Security**

The January 2024 Chapter meeting will feature Christopher (Chris) Miller (Lt Gen, USAF, Ret) providing an update to the war in Ukraine (follow on to December 2022 membership meeting presentation) plus his perspectives on the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas. Chris Miller last served on active duty as the Air Force's deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs, leading the Air Force's multi-billion, five-year program formulation and longer-range planning efforts. In his current work at the Air Force Academy's Center for Character & Leadership Development, he is the inaugural Arizona State University Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Chair for the Study of the Profession of Arms. In this capacity, he is exploring the impact of increasingly complex missions and newly contested domains on the nature and cohesion



of the military profession, its boundaries and its relationship with civil society. In his over 33 years of service he has led planning, policy, and strategy for U.S. Northern Command & NORAD (responsible for homeland defense, civil support, and security cooperation with Mexico and Canada); served as the senior USAF commander on the ground in Afghanistan; commanded the nation's only B-2 bomber wing; directed personnel assignments for 340,000 officer and enlisted Airmen; was defense policy adviser to the U.S. ambassador to NATO, a military fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and an analyst and planner at Headquarters US Air Force. He commanded flying units at squadron, group and wing levels and has over 3300 flying hours in T-38, B-1, B-2 and other military and civilian aircraft. General Miller was a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and of the College of Naval Command and Staff and holds an M.Phil. in International Relations from Oxford University. He is President of the North American chapter of the International Society for Military Ethics, immediate past President of the Air Force Historical Foundation, a director of the Academy Research and Development Institute, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. From 2018 to 2021, he served as the Presidentially-appointed Chair of the US Section, Permanent Joint Board on Defense, US-Canada.

STAFF MEETING (5 Dec)

Staff Unanimously approved motion for the Chapter to participate in the Monument Hill hosted 2024 4th of July parade. Please review future newsletters for information on parade participation on volunteer opportunities. Chapter Action Plan (CAP) Update – the Staff continues to work transitioning the CAP to synchronize with recently published implementation plan. Expect detailed information in the next newsletter and Chapter Staff Meeting minutes.

Mike Berendt provided financial information as of 1 Dec.

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$12,483.21
Savings:	\$101.93
Checking:	\$1,521.45
Reserved:	\$3,490.36
Total:	\$17,596.95

Interest on CD: \$45.34

CHAPTER ACTION PLAN (CAP)

Strategic Goal (SG) Current	New
SG7 Conduct Chapter Advertising & Publicity SG8 Expand & Improve Chapter Outreach Program	SG1 Outreach – Consistent impactful outreach programs and activities.
SG11 Outreach. Expand participation and publicity of our Chapter with Public SG12 Co-sponsor Youth Leadership Conference.	SG2 Strategic Partnerships - SG3 Maximize Visibility
SG2. Monthly Chapter meetings. SG4. Leadership Training. SG5. Mentor and Develop Companions. SG6. Create a succession plan	SG4 Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership.
SG14. Register the Chapter as tax-exempt in the State of Colorado.	SG5 Obtain financial resources to full Order's mission.
SG1. Increase membership. SG9. Companion Recognition. SG10. Committee for programs. SG13. Review Chapter By Laws annually.	SG6 Increase number of chapters and strengthen existing chapters.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

Chapter Companions Steve Shambach, Ulysses Swift and Rich Peters attended the Denver MOWW Chapter meeting in October.

Denver Companion Bob Mallin, MD, (Fmr CPT, USA) shared his experiences while serving as a Doctor in the Army during the Viet Nam War. He shared some photos that captured his time in Viet Nam and also served to remind several members of their time in Viet Nam.



(L-R) Ulysses Swift, Rich Peters, Denver Chapter Commander Coy Ritchie and Rocky Mountain Department Commander Steve Shambach

NATIONAL PROGRAM LOCAL ARTICLES

HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)

National Terrorism Advisory System

National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) advisories communicate information about terrorist threats by providing timely, detailed information to the public, government agencies, first responders, public sector organizations, airports and other transportation hubs.



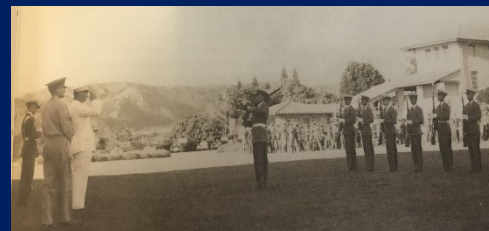
Report suspicious activity
to local law enforcement
or call 9-1-1 in case
of emergency

Using available information, the advisories will provide a

concise summary of the potential threat, information about actions being taken to ensure public safety, and recommended steps that individuals, communities, businesses and governments can take to help prevent, mitigate or respond to the threat.

JROTC/ROTC

In the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor Territory of Hawaii on December 7, 1941 the cadets from local high school were mobilized, armed with WWI rifles, and assigned duties to guard public facilities and government buildings.



Kamehameha Schools Junior Unit (est. 1908) of the Reserve Officer Training Corps in battalion formation prior to outbreak of war, 1941.

They were relieved of this responsibility when the military authorities realized the cadets were underage (Citation "Why We Serve: Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces, pp. 110-112).

NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

ANNUAL THREAT ASSESSMENT OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY (6 Feb 23)

This annual report of worldwide threats to the national security of the United States responds to Section 617 of the FY21 Intelligence Authorization Act (Pub. L. No. 116-260). This report reflects the collective insights of the Intelligence Community (IC), which is committed every day to providing the nuanced, independent, and unvarnished intelligence that policymakers, warfighters, and domestic law enforcement personnel need to protect American lives and America's interests anywhere in the world.

This assessment focuses on the most direct, serious threats to the United States during the next year. The order of the topics presented in this assessment does not necessarily indicate their relative importance or the magnitude of the threats in the view of the IC. All require a robust intelligence response, including those where a near-term focus may help head off greater threats in the future.

Please see this [link](#) for in-depth information on the threats facing the United States.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

RMYLC Award for Respect and Responsibility is named for Companion Robert Meier (CW4, USAF, Ret) who was a long-time member of the Chapter that passed away in 2017. He served on the MOWW National Staff as the National Leader for Law Enforcement establishing a national program to recognize outstanding law enforcement personnel throughout the nation. This award is presented for the student who best exemplifies:

Respect—appreciation and concern for others
Responsibility—accountable for personal decision-making without guidance or authority

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

Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) Crime Prevention Program

CSPD Crime Prevention Unit

This unit focuses on providing citizens and businesses with tips on how to prevent becoming a victim of a crime.

The specialized officers who staff this program are dedicated to:

- Reducing crime and the fear of crime
- Increasing the knowledge of citizens in providing "pro-active" crime prevention strategies

- Encouraging and training citizens in neighborhood watch activities
- Training the community in a wide array of crime prevention approaches & techniques
- Providing home and business security checks

CSPD Crime Prevention Programs encompass:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Community Presentations
- How to Report a Crime or Concern
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

Please see this [link](#) for additional information on each Crime Prevention Program.

SCOUTING

Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Pathway to the Rockies Council

Program & Activities: The BSA is one of the Nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for young people that build character.

These activities include the following:

- Cub Scouts
- Scouts BSA
- Sea Scouting
- Order of the Arrow
- Special Needs Scouting
- Exploring
- Sea Scouting
- Venturing
- Aquatics
- Shooting Sports

Please see this [link](#) for more detailed information on local BSA Program & Activities.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Colorado Springs two Disabled American Veteran (DAV) Chapters. DAV Chapter 26 Knob Hill is located at 6880 Palmer Park Blvd. 80915. See this [link](#) for information on Chapter Service Officers who will help veterans with processing VA claims. DAV Chapter 50 is the other chapter. See this [link](#) for information on DAV 50.

The Gazette regularly published a schedule of event affecting Veterans. Please see this [link](#) for information on Colorado Spring area military events.

COMPANION OUTREACH & INTEREST

COMPANION ARTICLES AND FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS/SALES

Please consider donating to the Chapter to meet future financial obligations. New Strategic Goal #5 is "Increase revenues ensuring adequate financial resources to fulfill the Order's mission."

VOLUNTEERS

Wreaths Across America

Veterans Cemeteries in El Paso County, CO wreath laying on December 16 at USAF Academy Cemetery and Pikes Peak National Cemetery. See this [link](#) to sponsor wreath or volunteer to place wreath.

Companions consider volunteering for the following Chapter vacancies:

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



RECRUITING

New Strategic Goal #4 is “Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership.” Congratulations to the COS Chapter for recruiting six new members in the first two months of the OY.

REVIELLE

Please welcome new Chapter Companion Andrew Alexander (1LT, USA Fmr) and spouse Kimberly. Andy was born and raised in Wyoming. Attending Kelly Walsh High School in Casper, Wyoming. He enlisted in the Army in 1984 as a Military Intelligence Korean Linguist. After a two-year linguist school he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, 125th Military Intelligence Battalion where he participated in numerous exercises on the Korean peninsula. After his initial enlistment he attended Brigham Young University and was a member of their ROTC program. He was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1991 and after completing Infantry Officer Basic Course he spent the remainder of his nine years in the Army at Ft. Benning, GA. He left the service and moved to Colorado in 1998 and has lived in Calhan



since 2014. Andy’s primary job is software development. However, he is a multi-talented individual with multiple skills and experiences. He owned a gym for almost seven years in Parker, CO, he has worked as a personal trainer, firearms instructor (includes concealed carry), commercial drone pilot, woodworking, laser engraving, and other skills including caring for the goats, chickens and dogs at his home. Welcome Andy and Kimberly.

FEATURED COMPANION

Last month Watt Hill (Col, USAF, Ret) was the featured Chapter Companion. This month we are featuring Hereditary Perpetual Member Companion Kobe R. Neal as the youngest Chapter Companion.

Kobe Neal is the youngest son of our Chapter Commander, Kerm Neal. Kobe was born in 2001 at Royal Air Force base Mildenhall, UK. He was a military dependent who accompanied his father to various military assignments in his father’s 26-year career. He relocated to Colorado Springs in 2007 when his father retired from the USAF. Kobe graduated from Discovery Canyon Campus High School in 2019 then attended the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS). He graduated from UCCS this year with a Bachelor of Innovation in Computer Security. While a UCCS student he worked in the UCCS Office of Information Technology Service Desk as the Imaging and Software Specialist. He held this position until May 2022 when he transitioned to work with Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control (LM MFC) Data Analytics as a Technology Enablement Intern. This internship eventually evolved to Full-Time employment with LM MFC working as a Data Administrator, where he works currently.

Kobe earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America in 2018, competed on the Debate Team in high school, and currently volunteers with the Humane Society Pikes Peak Region (HSPPR) and Woodmen Valley Chapel's prison ministry at the Arkansas Valley Correctional facility. Congratulations to Kobe on his graduation and the start of his working career.

DECEMBER COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

10 Dec – Lt Col Simon Willis; 12 Dec – Ms Lisa Wieland;
22 Dec – BG Anthony Trifiletti; 23 Dec - Col Kermit Neal;
28 Dec – Maj Raymond Schmah; 31 Dec – LTC Warren Wieland

JANUARY COMPANIONS BIRTHDAYS

2 Jan – Lt Col Isaac Woodfork; 14 Jan - Maj Dustin Keller; 29 Jan – LTC Leslie Krohnfeldt; 30 Jan Ms. Shirley Durham

ANNIVERSARIES

December Military Anniversaries & Observances

- Dec 1 Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary)
- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day

Special Thanks to Companion Bill Linn (LTC, USA, Ret) for his Dec 7 “Pearl Harbor Remembrance Presentation” [Link to Virtual Presentation](#) and [Link to Audio Only Presentation](#).

- December 13 National Guard Birthday
- Dec 16 (Third Saturday in December) See [National Wreaths Across America](#) site to either donate or volunteer to lay wreaths
- December 28 Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Assistant

Special Features/Humor/Trivia

The English Bulldog, also known as "Teufel-hunden" or "Devil Dogs," is the unofficial mascot that symbolizes the ethos of the warrior culture of the U.S. Marines. The Marine Corps earned this unofficial mascot during World War I, when many German reports called the attacking Marines "teufel-hunden," meaning devil dogs. "Teufel-hunden" were the vicious, wild and ferocious mountain dogs of German Bavarian folklore.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

COMPANION AWARD(S)

Strategic Goal 3 Maximize Visibility and Strategic Goal 4 Growing Engaged MOWW Membership are linked through the Companion Awards program. Please review the MOWW Awards program (Chapter 7 in this [link](#)) and nominate deserving Companions and non-Companions for the appropriate award. Your activation participation will support the Chapter in accomplishing these strategic goals.

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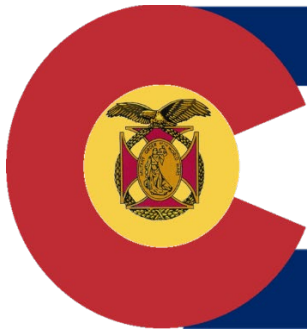
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Yes, I am making a tax-deductible contribution or pledge to the Colorado Springs Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars.

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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