

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII January 2024 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 Jan)

Hello Companions!

I am hoping that everyone had a wonderful, relaxing, and peaceful Christmas with family and friends, and that your New Years was also fantastic!

After taking the month of December on hiatus, we look forward to showing the flag in 2024, literally! For the coming year we are actively looking to participate in the Monument 4th of July parade with vintage military vehicles, courtesy of Nate Watanabe (our November speaker). We are also exploring a Massing of the Colors event at some point in 2024. Both activities would require active participation from many Companions to ensure mission success. If you are interested in taking one or assisting with one of these events, let me or any senior staff member know.

There is no news from National on the two recent surveys. 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.

As advertised, Lt Gen Chris Miller *SAF, ret) will be speaking at our meeting at our January 20th meeting with his Ukraine Update. Very much looking forward to his presentation! Future speakers are LTC Campbell

from UCCS Army ROTC in Feb, and DA Mike Allen in April.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege!
Happy New Year!!

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KERMIT NEAL (Col, USAF, Ret)

Chapter Commander

It is nobler to serve than to be served

UPCOMING EVENTS

✓ STAFF MEETING (16 Jan)

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81051587091?pwd=QTFfTE0rbGgrd3ZVbWFxdFEwQmtOQT09>

✓ 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=bk5jOHp1YVZadHVzdKxpTS9CUEVQUT09>



UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING (20 Jan 24)

National Security

The January 20, 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 Kiwanis Club hosted 2024 4th of July parade. Please review future newsletters for information on parade participation on volunteer opportunities.

Chapter Action Plan (CAP) – the Staff continues to work transitioning the CAP to synchronize with recently

published implementation plan. Expect detailed information in the February newsletter and January Chapter Staff Meeting minutes.

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 Kerm Neal, Steve Shambach, and Rich Peters attended the Denver MOWW Chapter meeting held Friday 15 Dec 2023 with Guest Speaker Rabbi Rick Brody who provided information on Hanukkah and his perspective on the current Israel Hamas conflict.

NATIONAL PROGRAM LOCAL ARTICLES

HOMELAND SECURITY (HS)

Cybersecurity

The Department of Homeland Security and its components play a lead role in strengthening cybersecurity resilience across the nation and sectors, investigating malicious cyber activity, and advancing cybersecurity alongside our democratic values and principles.

See this [link](#) to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) March 2021, Secretary Mayorkas outlined his broader vision and a roadmap for the Department's cybersecurity efforts in a virtual address hosted by RSA

Conference, in partnership with Hampton University and the ***Girl Scouts of the USA***.

Please review web page for information on:

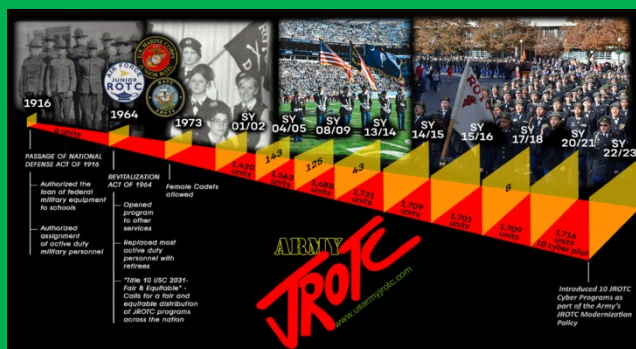
- What DHS is Doing
- FY22 Cybersecurity Sprints
- Overview of Additional Ongoing Cybersecurity Principles
- Resources (Cybersecurity, Ransomware, Cybersecurity Jobs, and Executive Order on Improving the Nation’s Cybersecurity
- Latest DHS Cybersecurity News

lead other Cadets. A major component of the JROTC leadership and citizenship program is female Cadets. Female Cadets make up 40% of the Cadet population. The JROTC faculty is led by nearly 4,000 instructors who are retired from active duty, reserve duty, or National Guard Army service. Instructors are trained and qualified in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act 2007 to teach and mentor approximately 314,000 JROTC Cadets annually. See this [link](#) for additional information on US Army JROTC.

JROTC/ROTC

Army Junior ROTC Program Overview

The U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) is one of the largest character development and citizenship programs for youth in the world. The National Defense Act of 1916 established organized JROTC programs at public and private educational institutions. In 1964, Congress expanded the program to all military services and changed from active duty to shared support from the services and schools. As congressionally mandated by Title 10 United States Code, Section 2031, each military service must have a JROTC program to “instill in students in United States secondary educational institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, and personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment.” JROTC’s mission, “To Motivate Young People to be Better Citizens”, is the guide post for the program’s success.



The U.S. Army’s JROTC program currently operates in more than 1,700 public and private high schools, military institutions, and correctional centers throughout the United States and overseas. Approximately 40% of JROTC programs are in inner city schools, serving a student population of 50% minorities. As JROTC students (Cadets) progress through the program, they experience opportunities to

NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

Cyber Direct Commissioning Program (CDCP)

Recognizing shortage of Cyber Security professionals, the Army and Air Force (reserve and National Guard) components have a new tool – the CDCP authorized in the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act. Provides opportunity for civilians to enter the military removing barriers that may turn eligible cyber security professionals from service, and accelerate those that get selected into the officer ranks with rank and pay commensurate to their actual experience levels.

CDCP is designed to tap talented individuals outside the traditional military pipeline. This initiative selects highly qualified subject matter experts to fill the ranks of Lieutenant to Colonel to meet mission needs utilizing constructive service credit. Individuals must meet basic requirements for eligibility to join the direct commissioning track. The CDCP aims to attract people with cyber-related civilian work experience and graduate degrees. Applicants must meet basic officer eligibility requirements and possess demonstrated cybersecurity or cyber operations expertise through advanced academic degrees, relevant industry experience, or professional certifications.

The Cyber Direct Commissioning Program aims to add more cyber professionals to the military (active, reserve and Guard) and provide them with a direct pathway to success. By allowing individuals to start their military careers without completing a lengthy commissioning process, the program hopes to recruit the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

Use following links for additional CDCP information: USA [link](#) and USAF [link](#).

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

Please check your mail correspondence for solicitation from the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership

Foundation (RMYLF) for the upcoming 2024 Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) at CSU-Pueblo, June 17-21. Mail donations to: RMYLF
PO Box 2152
Monument, CO 80132 or see this [link](#) to RMYLF donation web page.

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

Law Enforcement Transparency and Advisory Commission (LETAC)
See this [link](#) for City of Colorado Springs LETAC web page.
LETAC mission is to make recommendations to Colorado Springs City Council which would promote improved understanding and relationships between the police department and the public.
The Commission typically meets on the first and third Monday of each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall, 107 N Nevada, Suite 200 (Pikes Peak Conference Room). Virtual session is available (please see the meeting agenda tab for Microsoft Teams meeting link).

SCOUTING

As previously mentioned in the newsletter in the Homeland Security section was reference to the Girl Scouts and their initiatives in Cybersecurity. See this [link](#) for the 2020 report by the Girl Scout Research Institute "Breaking the Firewall" Enhancing safety in a digital world by bringing more girls and women into cybersecurity." Included in this report are the various badges from Daisy (Grades K-1), Brownie (Grades 2-3), Junior (Grades 4-5), Cadette (Grades 6-8), Senior Badges (Grades 9-10), and Ambassador Badges (Grades 11-12). At Daisy the girls learn cybersecurity basics including learning about computer parts and how computers are connected. At Ambassador girls are Cybersecurity Investigator badge where they investigate and respond when a fictional city has been affected by a cyberattack. Kudos to the Girl Scouts for embracing the need for educating girls and women on cybersecurity.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Colorado's Draft Digital Access Plan is Available for Public Comment
With the passage of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, every state is required to develop a Digital Equity State Plan (known as the Digital

Access Plan) which explores access to affordable broadband and digital devices as well as digital skill levels and cybersecurity practices for eight covered populations:

- Low-income households
- Aging populations
- Incarcerated individuals
- **Veterans**
- People with disabilities
- People with language barriers
- Racial and ethnic minorities
- Rural inhabitants

Within the plan, each state is required to then define measurable objectives that would address the **digital divide for these populations.** Companion Rich Peters is facilitating a listening session at Mt. Carmel on January 19 from 0930-1100.

THE STATE OF COLORADO WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

JANUARY 19TH
9:30AM - 11AM

Many Coloradans do not have the devices, internet connection, or digital skills they need to:

- Use telehealth
- Video chat with friends & family
- Pay bills or shop online
- Fill out forms
- Apply for jobs
- Work remotely
- Take classes online
- Veteran-specific needs

Colorado's Digital Access Plan will help get people connected! Share your thoughts and ideas at a public comment listening session.

cdle.colorado.gov/digital-access

719-770-7800 | 930 Communication Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80908

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 (WAA)

Thanks to Companions and spouses who participated in 2024 WAA activities at various locations in Colorado.

WAA Motto: **Remember, Honor, Teach**

- Remember the fallen.
- Honor those who serve.
- Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

See this [link](#) to sponsor wreath or volunteer to place wreath for 2024.

Companion Mike Berendt and spouse Joani Sgaggio participated at Fort Logan National Cemetery wreath laying ceremony on 15 December.



Joani Sgaggio placing wreath on father's headstone at Fort Logan National Cemetery



Companion Steve Shambach with Miriam Shambach at Pikes Peak National Cemetery.

Companions John Hannah and Steve Shambach with spouse Miriam Shambach participated at wreath laying ceremony at were at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery. Rich Peters with his daughter and grandchildren participated at wreath laying ceremony at the United States Air Force

Academy Cemetery.



Companion Rich Peters, Aidan Peters, Saya Peters and April Peters at USAF Academy Cemetery

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.

JANUARY COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

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

FEBRUARY COMPANIONS BIRTHDAYS

2 Feb – Lt Col Susan Cooley; 3 Feb – Joseph Morgan; 4 Feb – Lt Col Robert Becerra; 5 Feb – MG Thomas Csrnko; 18 Feb - Maj Timothy Matson; 22 Feb – MAJ Charles Clark; 23 Feb – Mr. Jonathan Cole; 24 Feb - LT Andrew Alexander; 24 Feb – Capt Douglas Ketein-Taylor; 26 Feb – Lt Isabel Taylor; 26 Feb – Mr. Michael Wilson

Special Features/Humor/Trivia

Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM) is an example of a military award that you are eligible for after you have either separated or retired.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Defense **approved the Korean Defense Service Medal in February 2004** to be given as recognition for military service in the Republic of Korea and the surrounding waters after **July 28, 1954 and ending on such a future date as determined by the Secretary of Defense.**

CRITERIA

Individuals must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating or serving on all the land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous waters out to 12 nautical miles, and all airspace above

the stated land and water areas. To be eligible for the KDSM, personnel must have been physically present in the stated areas for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days, or must meet one of the following:

- Be engaged in actual combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the areas of eligibility
- Be killed, wounded, or injured in the line of duty and required medical evacuation from the area of eligibility
- While participating as a regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in support of military operations. Each day that one or more sorties are flown in accordance with these criteria shall count as 1 day toward the 30- or 60-day requirement.

Next month's newsletter will present process for updating your military records if you are eligible for the KDSM.

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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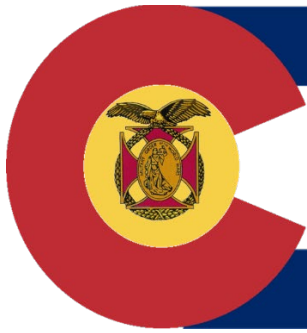
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Link to MOWW [Preamble](#)

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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.)

Name

Please make checks payable to Colorado Springs Chapter, MOWW

Send to: LTC Mike Berendt (USA, Ret)
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Monument, CO 80132