

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII April 2025 Newsletter



The Military Order of the World Wars
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COMMANDER'S REMARKS (15 Apr 2025)

Greetings Companions!!

Very sorry to have missed the last two luncheons and the fantastic and dynamic speakers!

We have had a lot going on in the past couple of months, with the National Convention [registration](#) now open on the [National website](#), Region XIII nominated two RMYC graduates Mason Meredith and Vaughn Slivka for the National Youth Civics Summit to compete for a slot, upcoming elections, preparation for the Monument 4th of July Parade, and recognition from the City of Colorado Springs via official Proclamation for both our Chapter and the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation! The Proclamation was read by City Council President, and fellow Companion, Randy Helms on April 8th at City Hall (please see newsletter pages 8-9 for proclamation).

Also, America 250 in 2026! National is still seeking members to be part of a National level America 250 committee, and asking for us to expand our outreach and coordination with other VSOs to ensure we celebrate our Nation's birthday in a big and visible way. We are already in communication with the Colorado Military History Group for participation together in the 2026 Monument 4th of July Parade.

I hold dear our motto and preamble and know you all do too. As we approach elections, be thinking about how you can serve our Chapter, either as a member of the executive board, as a member of a committee, or as a participant in the many outreach programs we participate in. As previously mentioned, Rich Peters, Ulysses Swift, and I will be relinquishing our positions and are seeking companions interested in taking our places. For those who missed the training opportunities on April 4th and 5th but are interested I am happy to sit down with you to discuss!

For our 19 April meeting, we are fortunate to have retired USAF 4-Star General Kevin Chilton, former deputy program manager of operations for the International Space Station, former astronaut, former Commander Air Force Space Command, and former

Commander of United States Strategic Command -- it will be an excellent presentation!

Thank you again for the honor and privilege of serving as the Chapter Commander!

V/R,
Kerm

It is nobler to serve than to be served

COMING EVENTS (APRIL-MAY)

- ✓ **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON 19 APR 25**
NATIONAL SECURITY TOPIC
 - Saturday, 1100
 - Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
 - RSVP: No later than noon on 16 April to [LTC Mike Berendt](#)
 - Virtual Mtg [Link](#)
- ✓ **STAFF MEETING ON 15 MAY 25**
 - Thursday, 1700
 - Location: Hill House
 - Virtual Mtg [Link](#)

APRIL COMPANION INFORMATION

The Chapter Staff encourages Companions to attend the National Convention in Tucson, AZ. Please contact anyone on Staff if you are attending and are willing to represent the Chapter as a delegate. Registration closes July 15.

STAFF MEETING (13 MAR)

Discussed the National Convention Region XIII is hosting 5-10 August 2025 in Tucson, AZ. As the host region the Chapter in Tucson will need assistance from region Chapters to execute.

Outreach is National Strategic Goal #1 with Chapter scheduled participation for following events:

- Memorial Day Monday 26 May
- July 4 (Friday) Monument Parade
- July 27 (Saturday) Korean War Armistice Day - Tentative
- 9/11 Remembrance Day
- Veterans Day Tuesday November 11

- Pearl Harbor Day December 7 planning for Massing of Colors – contact [John Hannan](#) if interested in supporting
- America 250 – national celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of Declaration of Independence. Chapter will participate in local events around America 250. Volunteer from Chapters Announce at staff meeting.

May 22, 2025 next membership meeting with presentation from El Paso County sheriff Joe Roybal.

Chapter seeking volunteer for the National Security Chair and Veterans Affairs Chair.

TREASURER'S REPORT INFORMATION

The following tables depict the Chapter's financial status as of Mar 1.

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$13,097.30
Savings:	\$103.53
Checking:	\$2,589.09
Reserved:	\$3,252.34
Total:	\$19,042.26

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING (22 MAR)

National Security

The Chapter was honored to welcome Colonel Mark Cobos, US Army, 1st Space Brigade Commander, as our National Security guest speaker during our 22 March 2025 Companion Meeting.

COL Cobos commands the only brigade in the Army dedicated to warfighting from, through, and into space.

An Army Engineer with a secondary

specialty of Space Operations, he assisted in establishing the United States Space Command while serving on the Joint Staff from 2016-2019. COL Cobos compared and contrasted the roles and responsibilities of the Space Force, Air Force, and Army Space Brigade and discussed the Areas of Operation for each. He provided an excellent analysis of Soviet doctrine since World War II and discussed the role of the 1st Space Brigade in utilizing assets in Space (satellites, sensors, and military downlinks) to find, fix, and enable Army



COL Cobos receives MOWW Certificate of Appreciation from Chapter Sr. Vice-Commander Jim Borders (Lt Col, USAF, Ret)

ground units to "close with and destroy" the Second Echelon of Soviet forces – the deep fight – in a large-scale ground war.

Also present at this meeting were 27 parents and teenage students from the Falcon Aerolab, who listened intently and asked some excellent questions about our U.S. space capabilities. COL Cobos skillfully addressed these questions in sufficient detail providing a level of understanding about space operations to the entire audience. It was easy to see why he was recognized by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the 2018 Joint Staff Officer of the Year. We thank COL Cobos for his leadership of the Army's 1st Space Brigade, his enlightening presentation, and his preparation for future warfare using national assets in space.

CHAPTER ACTION PLAN (CAP)

Strategic Goal (SG) Current	Initiatives
SG1 Outreach – Consistent impactful outreach programs and activities.	Support Region XIII hosting national MOWW convention in Tucson, AZ. Please contact Rich Peters if interested in participating in convention support. Contact Rich Peters if you have any suggestions on meeting SG-1. In Progress.
SG2 Strategic Partnerships -	Engage with other veteran organizations to establish strategic partnerships. Contact Kerm Neal with any suggestions on meeting SG-2. In Progress.
SG3 Maximize Visibility	City of Colorado Springs Proclamation honoring Chapter and Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation. Please contact Staff if you have any suggestions for how Chapter can meet this objective.
SG4 Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership.	Chapter recruiting goal is six Companions. Recruited 4 and need 2 new members. Please contact Jim Borders if you have any prospective candidates.
SG5 Obtain financial resources to fulfill Order's mission.	Regular solicitation of donations from Chapter Companions. Contact Mike Berendt if you have any questions concerning donations.
SG6 Increase number of chapters and strengthen existing chapters.	Please contact Rich Peters if you would like to volunteer your skills in recruiting, social media, branding or suggestions on strengthening Chapter.

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (19 APR)

National Security

The guest speaker for this month's meeting is General Kevin Chilton an independent consultant specializing in National Security Programs. His Air Force career spanned more than 34 years and culminated as Commander of U.S. Strategic Command from 2007 to 2011, where he was responsible for the plans and operations for all U.S. forces conducting Strategic Nuclear Deterrence missions, and the U.S. Department of Defense Space and Cyberspace operations.



Prior to this assignment, General Chilton commanded Air Force Space Command, 8th Air Force and the 9th Reconnaissance Wing. He flew operational assignments in the R-4C and F-15, was an Air Force Test Pilot and a NASA astronaut flying as the pilot for STS-49 and STS-59 and as the Commander of STS-76. He also served as the Deputy Program Manager for Operations for the International Space Station Program.

General Chilton is a distinguished graduate of the US Air Force Academy, with a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Engineering Sciences, a Columbia University Guggenheim Fellow with a Master of Sciences degree in Mechanical Engineering, and a Distinguished Graduate of the U.S. Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training and Test Pilot schools. He also was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Creighton University.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL NEWS

REGION XIII NEWS

Region XIII hosting national convention August 5-10 2025 at Desert Diamond Casino and Hotel ([link to hotel website](#)) Tucson, AZ. Please consider attending convention as Chapter delegate or as volunteer to support the convention. The region's Chapters will work together hosting the annual convention. Contact anyone on staff if you are attending and want to volunteer to assist in executing convention support.

Consider volunteering to serve on the National MOWW America 250 Committee representing Region XIII. Please contact Kerm Neal or Steve Shambach if

interested. VCINC Joe Kirlin is leading National MOWW Committee.

NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

(Executive Summary from United States Space Force Commercial Space Strategy: Accelerating the Purposeful Pursuit of Hybrid Space Architectures, 8 Apr 24)

The threats the United States faces from its strategic competitors have grown substantially. At the same time, the environment is being shaped by a rapidly growing commercial space sector, which is cultivating an ecosystem of innovation and reducing barriers to entry to deliver new, operationally relevant capabilities. This has extraordinary implications for global security and stability.

The United States Space Force (USSF) will be more resilient and capable if it combines organic capabilities with the capabilities from other providers. Therefore, the USSF will integrate a mix of organic, allied, and commercial space solutions into hybrid architectures where the nation's space capabilities truly are greater than the sum of the parts.

The USSF will leverage the commercial sector's innovative capabilities, scalable production, and rapid technology refresh rates to enhance the resilience of national security space architectures, strengthen deterrence, and support Combatant Commander objectives in times of peace, competition, crisis, conflict, and post-conflict.

This strategy is in direct support of U.S. national policy and strategy, including the [Department of Defense \(DoD\) Commercial Space Integration Strategy \(2024\)](#), [United States Novel Space Sector Authorization and Supervision Framework \(2023\)](#), [National Security Strategy \(2022\)](#), [National Defense Strategy \(2022\)](#), [National Military Strategy \(2022\)](#), [United States Space Priorities Framework \(2021\)](#), and the [National Space Policy \(2020\)](#).

Implementing the USSF Commercial Space Strategy (CSS) will increase the competitive advantage of the United States and its partners by leveraging the operational capability and capacity of the commercial sector and compelling changes in the capability development process. The legacy space enterprise believed it could best manage risk by the government owning and operating most of the U.S. military's space capabilities. As the Secretary of Defense has indicated, that mindset is no longer valid.

While recognizing Congress's direction that the military may not rely solely on commercial systems for certain operational requirements (2022 National Defense Authorization Act, Sec.1607), wherever possible, the USSF will leverage the use of commercial

space solutions and integrate them into its architectures and force offerings to ensure the Joint Force maintains an advantage over strategic competitors.

The DoD provides four guiding principles that this strategy will employ in pursuit of commercial space solutions (as described in the 2024 DoD Commercial Space Integration Strategy (CSIS)):

1. **Balance** – The USSF will appropriately balance government and commercial solutions while avoiding overreliance on any single provider or solution.

2. **Interoperability** – Military standards and procedures should strengthen interoperability between government and commercial solutions without stifling commercial sector innovation, speed, or scale; commercial standards and interfaces for future purpose-built systems will be adopted to facilitate integration when appropriate.

3. **Resilience** – Integration will strengthen resilience by increasing the number of commercial providers, diversifying supply chains, and expanding the variety and number of solutions used. Selected commercial solutions must be resilient themselves, particularly against cyber threats.

4. **Responsible Conduct** – Use of solution is legally and ethically compliant and consistent with international norms and standards and the DoD Tenets of Responsible Behavior in Space. These principles will guide and influence the USSF's decision-making whenever it considers using commercial space solutions.

The USSF will implement this strategy through the following lines of effort (LOEs):

LOE #1 – Collaborative Transparency

LOE #2 – Operational and Technical Integration

LOE #3 – Risk Management

LOE #4 – Secure the Future

These LOEs align with the 2024 DoD CSIS key priorities.

(Access entire document using this [link](#).)

HOMELAND SECURITY

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Commercial Space Policy

The Department of Defense (DoD) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are increasingly collaborating to leverage commercial space technologies for national security and homeland security purposes. This collaboration aims to enhance capabilities in various areas, including remote sensing, satellite communication, and space situational awareness.

Here's a more detailed look at the relationship:

DoD's Commercial Space Integration Strategy: The DoD has released a strategy to integrate commercial space solutions into national security architectures, aiming to ensure access to these solutions, integrate them during peacetime, protect national security assets, and support the development of new commercial solutions.

Homeland Security's Use of Space: The DHS relies heavily on space-based systems for information and communication, which are crucial for its mission success.

Areas of Collaboration:

- **Remote Sensing:** Commercial remote sensing capabilities can provide valuable intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) data for national security missions.
- **Satellite Communication:** Commercial satellite communication networks can enhance communication capabilities for both the military and homeland security agencies.
- **Space Situational Awareness:** Commercial space companies can contribute to space domain awareness (SDA) by providing information about objects in space, helping to identify potential threats and prevent collisions.

Benefits of Collaboration:

- **Cost Savings:** Utilizing commercial space capabilities can be more cost-effective than developing and maintaining government-owned systems.
- **Increased Innovation:** The commercial space industry is a hub of innovation, and collaborating with these companies can lead to faster development of new technologies for national security purposes.
- **Enhanced Capabilities:** Commercial space solutions can fill gaps in government capabilities and provide additional capacity for national security missions.

Challenges and Considerations:

- **Security Concerns:** Ensuring the security of commercial space assets and preventing them from being used by adversaries is a key concern.
- **Interoperability:** Ensuring that commercial space solutions can work seamlessly with government systems is crucial.
- **Reliance on Commercial Providers:** Over-reliance on any single commercial provider can create vulnerabilities.
- **Policy and Regulatory Frameworks:** Developing appropriate policies and regulations to govern the use of commercial space for national security purposes is necessary.

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

The relationship between commercial space activities, public safety, and law and order is multifaceted. The U.S. government, through agencies like the FAA and the Space Force, regulates commercial space launches and operations to ensure public safety and national security. This includes licensing launch sites, setting safety standards, and coordinating with other agencies to address potential risks. Furthermore, the government actively seeks to integrate commercial space capabilities into its own national security operations, while also ensuring that commercial activities adhere to domestic and international laws.

Here's a more detailed look:

1. Regulation and Oversight:

The Commercial Space Launch Act of 1984 and the Commercial Space Act of 1998 provide the framework for regulating commercial space activities.

The FAA, authorized by the Commercial Space Launch Act, licenses and regulates commercial launch and reentry activities.

The FAA and other agencies work to ensure public safety, property safety, and national security are addressed in the licensing and regulation of commercial space activities.

The Space Force is actively integrating commercial space capabilities into its national security operations, while also ensuring that commercial activities comply with relevant regulations and laws.

2. Public Safety and Law and Order:

Launch Safety: Regulations ensure that launch sites are properly designed and operated to minimize risks to the public and property.

Spacecraft Safety: While the FAA has authority over launch and reentry, the regulation of commercial spacecraft with human occupants is a complex issue.

Cybersecurity: Cybersecurity is a critical concern for both the government and commercial space providers, with the government setting standards and working with commercial partners to ensure robust cybersecurity.

International Obligations: Commercial space activities must comply with international laws and treaties, such as the Outer Space Treaty, and the U.S. government ensures compliance.

National Security: The government also regulates commercial space activities to address national security concerns, such as preventing the misuse of space technology or protecting sensitive information.

3. Balancing Commercial Growth and Public Safety:

The U.S. government strives to balance the

promotion of commercial space activities with the need to protect public safety and national security. This balance is achieved through licensing, regulation, and collaboration with commercial partners.

The government also works to ensure that commercial space activities contribute to national security goals while also respecting international obligations.

Space resources and technology are used to support law enforcement in a variety of ways, including intelligence gathering, crime detection, and disaster response.

- **Intelligence gathering:** The US intelligence community uses space assets to support military and law enforcement operations
- **Crime detection:** Artificial Intelligence-powered image and video processing tools can detect objects like weapons and identify subjects of interest. Drones can be used to monitor crowds, but may be invasive.
- **Disaster response:** Space-based solutions can help with disaster relief and recovery
- **Civil security:** Space-based solutions can help with civil security and crisis events, such as humanitarian responses, law enforcement, and safety.

ROTC/JROTC

The Army is enhancing the JROTC program introducing new technical skills training and larger, public events to attract more recruits and educate the civilian population about the military. This modernization aims to bridge the civilian-military divide while also boosting military recruiting efforts.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- **New Skills Training:** JROTC is incorporating new technical skills training to provide cadets with valuable, marketable skills.
- **Bigger Events:** The Army is organizing larger events like the National Raider Challenge to showcase the program and engage more students, as reported by Army.mil.
- **Expansion Efforts:** Congress is pushing for the expansion of the JROTC program to further expose more of the population to military opportunities, according to Army Times.
- **Bridging the Divide:** These initiatives aim to bridge the civilian-military divide by making the program more accessible and appealing to a wider audience.
- **Boosting Recruiting:** By highlighting the positive aspects of JROTC and offering valuable skills, the Army hopes to attract more recruits from the

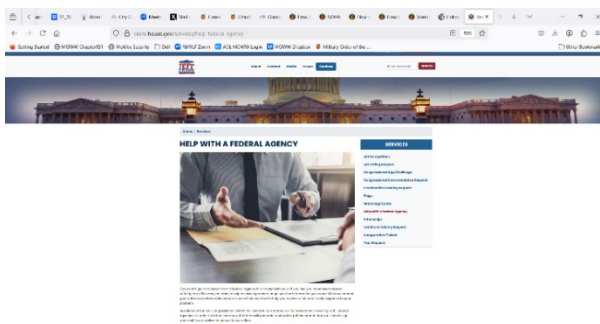
program. (See this [link](#) for additional information.)

SCOUTING/CIVIL AIR PATROL (CAP)

USAFA Cadet Eagle Scout Venturing Crew initiative on hold pending Lt. Gen. Tony Bauernfeind (USAFA Superintendent) staff's review all Cadet clubs to ensure Cadet clubs align with USAFA mission.

Rich Peters continues to engage with USAF Civil Air Patrol unit to integrate with MOWW Awards program. Will attend CAP Monday evening meetings at USAFA Chapel to meet with USAFA CAP Squadron leaders

VETERANS AFFAIRS



National news highlights the turmoil associated with the Department of Government Agency impact on Federal Agencies including the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a public service the Chapter has done some research and is providing this [link](#) to Congressman Jeff Crank's website where constituents of Colorado's 5th Congressional District can obtain help or assistance with a Federal Agency. The site contains instructions on information you need to provide before submitting a "casework" request.

COMPANION OUTREACH & INTEREST COMPANION ARTICLES AND FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS/SALES

The Chapter continues to seek donations from Companions to allow the Chapter to continue supporting all the various outreach programs.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

The Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) and Chapter Companions have started planning for the 2025 Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) from June 23-27 at CSU Pueblo. This involves 100 rising high school seniors for a week in-resident experience emphasizing leadership, patriotism, and the free enterprise system.

See www.rmylf.org for additional information on the RMYLC. Please contact [Steve Shambach](#) if interested

in volunteering to help with planning and execution of the conference.

OY2026 STAFF ELECTION

Election postponed until May meeting. Commander will address at April membership meeting. The vitality of our Chapter depends on volunteers willing to take on leadership roles to bring fresh energy and new ideas to our organization. In accordance with our Bylaws, the following are the elected positions for our Chapter:

Elected	Elected/Appointed*
• Chapter Commander	• Historian
• Senior Vice Commander	• Marshall
• Junior Vice Commander	• Chaplain
• Adjutant	• Surgeon General
• Treasurer	• Public Relations Officer
	• Judge Advocate

*If no volunteers for these positions, then

Commander can appoint Companion to position See this [link](#) for position descriptions and duties in Chapter Article V Bylaws.

Election Procedures

- Submit to Chapter Adjutant, Lt Col Peters, no later than noon Monday, 19 May nominations for yourself or other Chapter Members.
- Adjutant will send ballots electronically to Chapter members no later than Tuesday, 20 May.
- Chapter members submit absentee ballots (i.e., not attending monthly meeting, etc.) to the Chapter Adjutant, Lt Col Peters no later than noon Wednesday, 21 May.
- Thursday, 22 May General Membership Floor nominations for vacant position(s) (i.e., positions with no nominations, etc.) accepted prior to in person voting.
- In person paper ballot distributed to Chapter Members attending.
- Junior Vice Commander, Lt Col Swift will collect all ballots and announce the results.
- Adjutant, Lt Col Peters will send email to members with election results and publish results in June Chapter Newsletter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Companions please consider volunteering for any position for OY25-26. All Companions are eligible to hold any position specified in the Chapter Bylaws. Certain positions are elected while others are appointed. Should no one volunteer for



an elected position then the Commander has the option to appoint a person to that position.

RECRUITING

Last month's newsletter incorrectly announced Chapter had met annual recruiting goals. According to MOWW HQs the Chapter needs to recruit two new members to meet OY25 recruiting goal. Please continue your recruiting efforts.

APRIL COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

02 Apr – Col Richard P. Mcleod; 10 Apr – LTC Donald H. Holt; 12 Apr – LTC William D. Linn, II; 15 Apr -- Lt Col Adam D. Ackerman; Capt Kristy M. Katein-Taylor; 21 Apr – Maj Richard H. Pedone; 23 Apr – LTC William G. Chadick; 29 Apr – 1LT William T. Shambach; 30 Apr – Maj David K. Ritterling

MAY COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

01 May -- 1LT Valerie J. Warner; 12 May – CDR Brian Q. Guack; 15 May -- Lt Col John W. Snider; Lt Col Paul D. Willey; 18 May – LTC Phillip L. Mallory II; Col Robert F. Smith; 21 May – Col James W. Taylor; 23 May – Col Albert Joseph Gerathy, Jr.; 24 May – LTC Michael D. Berendt; Lt Col James D. Borders

ANNIVERSARIES AND TRIVIA

- Month of the Military Child (1983)
- Gold Star Spouses Day (April 5)
- Air Force Reserves Birthday (April 14, 1948)
- Army Reserves Birthday (April 23, 1908)
- Silver Star Service Banner Day (April 29, 2010)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION COMPANION AWARD(S)

SG 3 Maximize Visibility and SG Goal 4 Growing Engaged MOWW Membership are linked through the Companion Awards program. Please review the MOWW Awards program (Chapter 7) for eligibility criteria and nominate deserving Companions and non-Companions for the appropriate award. Your active participation will support the Chapter in accomplishing this strategic

MOWW Membership Application



Please use this [link](#) to submit an electronic application. Please see Staff for paper membership application or this [link](#) to print your own application:

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.

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[Link to MOWW Preamble](#)

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City of Colorado Springs Proclamation recognizing Colorado Springs Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) and Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation



Text Chapter Commander read to City Council in accepting the proclamation that is preserved for posterity as a public record:

Mayor Mobolade, Councilman Helms, members of the City Council, distinguished guests, companions, and friends of both the Military Order of the World Wars and the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation. On behalf of both organizations, I thank you for this honor and recognition. The mission of the Military Order of the World Wars to "Serve our nation and local communities by providing and supporting activities that promote and encourage responsible citizenship, patriotism, youth leadership, military and public service, veteran support, and strong national security", and the mission of the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation is "Building Informed Citizen Leaders".

Both organizations are linked at the National level to provide service to our community, and to provide continued patriotic education for our Nation's youth and are in keeping with the motto of the Military Order of World Wars, which is "It is Nobler to Serve than to be Served".

As a small Veteran's Service Organization, MOWW has as its vision to contribute to and ensure a strong America, dedicated to preserving and advancing American Ideals and founding principles. The Capstone event for MOWW is our Patriotic Education Program, the annual Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference, open to rising high school Juniors and Seniors from schools across Colorado. The dedication and energy of the Patriotic Education Program, not only in Colorado but across the Nation through MOWW, is evident in the success of the program and it's continued growth.

However, we stand on the shoulders of numerous people who have gone before us, and I would be remiss in accepting this award without recognizing the tremendous impact they have had on the success of both MOWW and the RMYLF here in Colorado Springs. Their vision and

guidance have brought us to this point, and it is incumbent on us and the community to continue the work of people such as World War II veteran Watt Hill and his wife Eunice, RF Smith, Jim & Marian Taylor, Rich Rima, Steve Shambach, Councilman Helms' USAFA classmate Rich Peters, and Anja Wynne. These and others seek only to provide impactful programs to develop and nurture responsible citizenship in our Nation's youth and to contribute to the betterment of our society—locally, statewide, and nationally. Again, on behalf of all the volunteers in the Military Order of the World Wars and the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation, I thank you for this honor and recognition! Thank you very much!!



Collage of pictures of different activities Companions have participated representing MOWW pillars that was displayed during the entire presentation ceremony.



Mayor Mobalade Challenge Coin to Kerm Neal



Councilmembers provided coins to attending Companions



[Link to City Council Meeting Video](#)
(presentation time stamp 5:52 to 17:36)

(L-R) Councilmember Mike O'Malley (D6), Councilmember Lynette Crow-Iverson (At Large), Companion Mark Ellis, Councilmember Brian Risley (At Large), Companion Rich Peters, Companion RF Smith, Council President and Companion Randy Helms (D2), Companion Kerm Neal, Mayor Mobalade, Companion John Hannan, Companion Ulysses Swift, Councilmember Yolanda Avila (D4), Councilmember David Leinwber (At Large), Councilmember Michelle Talarico (D3) and Councilmember Dave Donelson (D1)



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

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