

# Military Order of the World Wars



## Chapter 151 Region XIII June 2025 Newsletter



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### COMMANDER'S REMARKS (1 JUNE 2025)

Greetings Companions!!

Writing this on Memorial Day, with a lot of thanks and thoughts for those who sacrificed for our freedoms. May God bless them all, as our words do not do justice to the price they paid.

Congratulations to our new slate of officers for the coming Operating Year (OY): Steve Shambach as our Chapter Commander, Mark Ellis as our new Senior Vice, Ulysses Swift returning as our Junior Vice, and Mike Berendt returning as our treasurer. Still seeking an adjutant to replace Rich Peters. Also, latest MOWW Policy Manual requires a Newsletter Editor requiring revisions to Chapter Bylaws – more information to follow with the new staff in July.

A very good presentation in May by El Paso County Sheriff Joe Roybal. Very dynamic, and we commend him and his departments dedication to ensuring our safety! As mentioned, there are numerous opportunities to assist his office, through attendance at the Citizens Academy that Sheriff Roybal mentioned (see this [link](#)), or as a member of the El Paso County Sheriff's Posse (see this [link](#)). Sheriff Roybal and his office live up to the MOWW motto every day!

A reminder -- no Companion membership meeting in June due to the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference, 23-27 June at CSU Pueblo. Patriotic Education committee still seeking Companions to help out in any way possible, for one hour, one day, or even the whole week. Well worth it to participate to see our future generations commitment to our Nation!

In preparation for America 250 in 2026, we will be in the Monument 4th of July Parade on Friday, July 4th. Great dress rehearsal for our Nation's 250th birthday next year! Like last year, we are partnering with the Colorado Military History Group for this year's 4th of July Parade, and are planning on being together again in the 2026 Monument 4th of July Parade. We are also coordinating for a Massing of

the Colors event at Doherty High School on Saturday, December 6th. More to follow on both events.

We are currently working our Chapter Action Plan for OY 2025-2026, and will be finalizing it at the June staff meeting.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege, and thank you all for your service!

V/R,

Kerm!

*It is nobler to serve than to be served*

### COMING EVENTS (MAY)

- ✓ **DENVER CHAPTER MEETING JUNE 21**
  - Saturday, 1130
  - Black-eyed Pea Restaurant, 5180 S. Broadway, Englewood, CO 80113.
  - Contact [Staff](#) if interested in attending.
- ✓ **STAFF MEETING ON 19 JUN 25**
  - Thursday, 1700
  - Location: Hill House
  - Virtual Mtg [Link](#)
- ✓ **NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JUNE**
  - Companions encouraged to attend Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference
  - CSU Pueblo 23-27 June
  - Contact [COL Steve Shambach](#) for event or presentation schedules.
- ✓ **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING 24 JULY**
  - Thursday, 1700
  - Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course
  - RSVP: No later than noon on 21 July to [LTC Mike Berendt](#)
  - Virtual Mtg [Link](#)

### JUNE 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.*

## STAFF MEETING (15MAY)

Staff discussed transition to new staff and revising Chapter Bylaws to align with January 2025 MOWW policy manual.

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. The Chapter currently has two delegates, Kerm Neal and Steve Shambach, attending. Please contact either [Steve](#) or [Kerm](#) if you are attending convention and want to represent the Chapter as a Delegate.

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

- Monument July 4 parade. Please contact anyone on [Staff](#) if you would like to participate in the parade. We will send email to participating Companions when we receive the parade details.
- Pearl Harbor Day planning for Massing of Colors – contact [John Hannan](#) if interested in supporting on December 6 at Doherty HS.
- 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.

### TREASURER'S REPORT INFORMATION

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

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$13,250.60
Savings:	\$103.85
Checking:	\$3,186.59
Reserved:	\$2,656.04
Total:	\$19,197.08

## MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING (19 APR)

### Public Safety/Law and Order

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW was honored to host El Paso County, Colorado Sheriff Joe Roybal at our 22 May 2025 Companions Meeting. As a guest of our Law and Order Committee, Sheriff Roybal provided valuable information on how citizens can become a part of the effort to protect our local communities and assist our local law enforcement professionals. He also discussed some high-profile operations throughout the community that required cooperation between a host of law enforcement agencies and professionals. Recently, a large-scale operation led by the El Paso Sheriff's Office involving Immigration and Customs Enforcement

(ICE), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Colorado Springs Police Department shut down a "pop-up" night club which led to the detainment of over 100 illegal immigrants as well as confiscation of firearms, drugs, and other prohibited items.



Colonel Kerm Neal, COS MOWW Commander, presents a MOWW Certificate to El Paso County, Colorado Sheriff Joe Roybal

## 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 <a href="#">Rich Peters</a> if you have any suggestions on meeting SG-1. In Progress.
SG2 Strategic Partnerships -	Engage with other veteran organizations to establish strategic partnerships. Contact <a href="#">Kerm Neal</a> with any suggestions on meeting SG-2. In Progress.
SG3 Maximize Visibility	Attended Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony at Memorial Park. 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 three Companions. Please contact <a href="#">Jim Borders</a> if you have any prospective candidates.
SG5 Obtain financial resources to fulfill Order's mission.	Regular solicitation of donations from Chapter Companions. Contact <a href="#">Mike Berendt</a> if you have any questions concerning donations.
SG6 Increase number of	Please contact <a href="#">Rich Peters</a> if you would like to volunteer your skills

chapters and strengthen existing chapters.	in recruiting, social media, branding or suggestions on strengthening Chapter.
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## NO JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### JULY 24 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Coy Ritchies (LCDR, USN, Ret) will serve as the presiding officer inducting the OY25-26 Staff. He will also provide a presentation on his experience in the US Navy. The Patriotic Education Chair will also provide a summary on the RMYLC scheduled for 23-27 June.

## 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. Access this [link](#) from National website to access detailed information on National Convention. Access this [link](#) for registering for National Convention (**registration closes July 15**).

Consider volunteering to serve on the National MOWW America 250 Committee representing Region XIII. Contact [Kerm Neal](#) or [Steve Shambach](#) if interested. [VCINC Joe Kirlin](#) is leading National MOWW America 250 Committee. Access this [link](#) for the National America 250 website. Access this [link](#) for Colorado 250-150 Commemoration. See future newsletters for information on El Paso County and City of Colorado Springs America 250 initiatives the Chapter can participate.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY (NS)

The "Golden Dome" refers to a proposed multi-layered missile defense system for the United States, designed to protect the country from a variety of threats, including ballistic, hypersonic, and cruise missiles. It envisions a global network of satellites equipped with sensors and interceptors, capable of detecting and destroying incoming missiles in space and during their flight. Here's a more detailed breakdown:

**Purpose:** The Golden Dome aims to provide a comprehensive shield against various missile threats, including those launched from other countries.

**Components:** The system would rely on a constellation of satellites, advanced sensors, and space-based interceptors to detect, track, and neutralize incoming threats.

**Technological Vision:** The Golden Dome concept includes the use of *space-based lasers* and other cutting-edge technologies to intercept missiles in space.

**Inspiration:** The Golden Dome is partly inspired by Israel's Iron Dome air defense system, which is designed to intercept short-range rockets and missiles.

**Timeline and Challenges:** While the Golden Dome has been proposed and discussed, its development and deployment are expected to be a long-term process, with potential challenges in terms of technology, cost, and global stability.

(This is an AI generated article to query on what is Golden Dome)

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Defense Intelligence Agency recently released an unclassified assessment titled "Golden Dome for America: Current and Future Missile Threats to the U.S. Homeland" to depict threats a sophisticated missile defense system for the United States would defend against. The product presents the agency's unclassified intelligence on adversary missile threats and capabilities (see this [link](#) for assessment).

#### HOMELAND SECURITY

The "Golden Dome" is a proposed missile defense system for the United States, aiming to enhance homeland security against a range of threats like ballistic, hypersonic, and cruise missiles, according to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the U.S. Department of Defense (.gov). It envisions a multi-layered defense, including ground-based interceptors, fighter jet defenses, ship-borne systems, and space-based sensors and interceptors. The primary goal is to protect the U.S. homeland, but the system could also potentially be extended to protect U.S. allies and forward-deployed troops.

##### Layers of Defense:

**Ground-based interceptors:** These will likely include existing systems like Patriot missile batteries, which the U.S. has provided to Ukraine.

**Ship-borne and fighter jet defenses:** These will likely integrate existing capabilities and sensors.

**Space-based sensors:** A constellation of satellites will be used to detect missile launches and track their trajectories.

**Space-based interceptors:** These will intercept missiles during their boost phase, potentially using kinetic or non-kinetic means like lasers.



### Impact on Homeland Security:

**Enhanced protection:** The Golden Dome aims to provide a comprehensive shield against a wide range of missile threats, including traditional ICBMs, hypersonic weapons, and potentially even space-launched weapons.

**Improved deterrence:** The system could deter potential adversaries from attacking the U.S. homeland by demonstrating a strong defensive capability.

**Potentially broader applications:** The system could be extended to protect U.S. allies and forward-deployed troops in other regions.

**Challenges and considerations:** The system's development and deployment are complex and require significant resources. There are also questions about its feasibility and affordability, as well as the acceptable level of risk associated with missile defense.

### Key Considerations:

**Cost:** The Golden Dome is estimated to cost \$175 billion to build.

**Complexity:** The system involves multiple layers of defense and requires integration of existing capabilities with new technologies.

**Timeframe:** The development and deployment of the space-based components could take several years.

**Acceptable risk:** There is a debate about the acceptable level of risk that the system can have in intercepting incoming missiles.

**Overall, the Golden Dome is a significant initiative aimed at enhancing homeland security by providing a layered defense against a variety of missile threats. However, it also presents significant challenges and considerations related to cost, complexity, and the acceptable level of risk.**

(This is an AI generated article on Golden Dome's impact on Homeland Security.)

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

Sheriff Roybal's May membership meeting referenced two functions citizens can participate. These functions included the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy and the El Paso County Sheriff's Posse.

**Citizens Academy** ([link to Sheriff's website](#)):

**Purpose:** To provide the public with a broad overview of the Sheriff's Office and its functions.

**Topics Covered:** Use of force, illegal marijuana, traffic enforcement, emergency services (including wildland fire and Search & Rescue), SWAT, K9 training, jail operations, civil process, and criminal investigations.

**Application:** Applications can be downloaded from the Sheriff's Office [website](#) or requested from the Community Affairs team ([shrcommunity@elpasoco.com](mailto:shrcommunity@elpasoco.com)).

**Limited Seating:** The Citizens Academy has limited seating, and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

**No Cost:** There is no charge to attend the Citizens Academy.

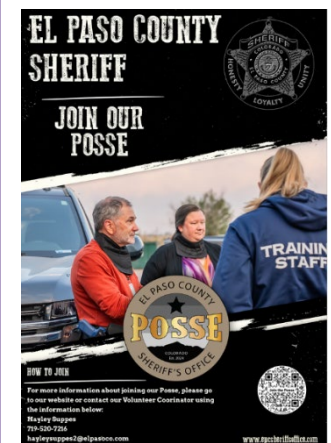
**Requirements:** Applicants must pass a standard background check.

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**El Paso County Sheriff's Posse:** The Sheriff's Posse is a citizen-based volunteer program which allows residents to engage in law enforcement-related duties which do not require a sworn deputy. Some duties include:

- Accident and traffic control
- Crime scene security
- Crowd and traffic management for special events
- Directed patrol, crime prevention, and alarm response
- Parking complaints and vehicle impounds
- Animal complaints and lost/found property reports
- Motorist assists
- Assisting the Communications Center, Sheriff's Office front desk, Courthouse, or other county buildings

See this [link](#) for information on class start dates and applications.



### ROTC/JROTC

See page 9 for ROTC/JROTC Award Ceremony pictures.

### SCOUTING/CAP

Civil Air Patrol is a congressionally chartered, federally funded, 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation and serves as the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. Founded Dec. 1, 1941, to mobilize the nation's civilian aviation resources for national defense service, CAP has evolved into a premier public service organization that is a cost-effective force multiplier for Air Force-assigned missions.

Operating in all 50 states, Puerto Rico (including the U.S. Virgin Islands), and the District of Columbia and in more than 1,400 communities, CAP's aviation-connected volunteer professionals are engaged

community members from a wide range of backgrounds and professions.

CAP provides a welcoming environment for all who qualify for membership and ensures that organizational decisions are based on each individual's abilities and interests. The opportunity to participate and progress is limited only by the desire, ability, participation, and performance of an individual.

Civil Air Patrol's character and leadership programs for our cadets and aerospace education programs for K-12 are equally effective, providing a variety of innovative youth development initiatives and award-winning aviation/ STEM resources.

(Information for this article from CAP organizational website – see this [link](#) for additional information.)

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

*“Stolen valor” refers to falsely claiming military service or awards to gain personal benefit, prestige, or recognition. It*

*involves lying about military service, exaggerating achievements, or wearing military attire and medals without authorization. This behavior is considered disrespectful to those who have genuinely served in the military and can be a crime depending on the intent and the law.*

We want to recognize Companion Mike McGrath (CAPT, USN, Ret) a six-year Vietnam Prisoner of War (POW) in the “Hanoi Hilton” for his 25-year battle with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to reconcile possible Stolen Valor issues associated with individuals falsely claiming POW status. The Stars and Stripes recently published an article on May 19 titled [VA’s growing roll of veterans getting POW benefits scrutinized by those once held captive](#). The article documents ([link](#) to article) Mike’s 25-year journey to identify veterans claiming POW status who are provided VA benefits reserved for POWs. (See this link for article.) Mike serves as the historian for the nonprofit NAM-POWs ([link](#) to website), where he serves as historian. The following are the numbers he maintains of the POWs in recent conflicts compared to the VA’s numbers:



Conflict	DOD POWs	VA POWs
Vietnam	292	1,191
Desert Storm	18	622
Gulf War (Iraq)	8	520

Mike was a featured guest on the May 30, 2025 Richard Randle Show on 740 KVOR (see this [link](#) for podcast) discussing Stolen Valor.

Please contact Congressman Crank’s military legislative liaison to voice your concerns (phone: (719) 520-0055, email: [doug.fitzgerald@mail.house.gov](mailto:doug.fitzgerald@mail.house.gov)).

Memorial Day 2025  
Multiple ceremonies to honor fallen veterans across El Paso County. Ceremonies held at Pikes Peak Veterans Cemetery, Evergreen Cemetery and Memorial Park for this year’s Memorial Day. The Colorado Springs Chapter of the Special Forces Association (SFA) hosted Memorial Day ceremony at Colorado Springs Memorial Park.

The SFA member narrated and conducted the ceremony with assistance from Mr. Russ Miller, President of the Pikes Peak Veterans Council and Marine Corps League National Officer.



(L-R) Rich Peters with Harry King (MAJ, USA, Ret) 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne representative at wreath laying ceremony at Memorial Park.

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

Please contact [Rich Peters](#) or [Ulysses Swift](#) if you want to participate in the upcoming Monument



(L to R) Colonel Shambach, Miriam Shambach, Lt Col Jim Borders, Joan Sgaggio, LTC Mike Berendt, Lt Col Ulysses Swift, and Colonel Kern Neal. Three “Living Historians” from CMHG in truck bed.

July 4 parade. We can accommodate a maximum of 18 Companions and family members. Deadline for volunteering to participate in the parade is June 23.

#### PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

The Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation (RMYLF) and Chapter Companions will execute 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](http://www.rmylf.org) for additional information on the RMYLC. Please contact [Steve Shambach](#) if interested in volunteering to help with execution of the conference.

#### OY2025-2026 STAFF ELECTION RESULTS

- Chapter Commander: Steve Shambach
- Senior Vice Commander: Mark Ellis
- Junior Vice Commander: Ulysses Swift
- Treasurer: Mike Berendt

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Companions consider volunteering for the following Chapter vacancies for OY25-26:

- Historian
- Marshall
- Chaplain
- Surgeon General
- Public Relations Officer
- Judge Advocate
- National Security Chair
- Veterans Affairs Chair



Next Convention to be hosted by Region XIII: August 5-10 2025 in Tucson. All "hands-on" deck. Ken Robinson from Phoenix Chapter is the new R13 Commander.

America 250 Committee...R13 seeking another body to be on National board, led by VCINC Joe Kirlin. Nothing on national portal yet on America 250.

See this [link](#) for new National Recruiting Guide.

#### RECRUITING

Congratulations to Companions. The Chapter has met the OY25 recruiting goal.

#### JUNE COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

05 June -- Lt Kaleb D. Neal; MAJ Dean H. Rizzo; 08 June -- Mr. Walter G. Roy; 12 June -- Lt Col Richard D. Peters; 15 June -- LTC James M. Liedle; 16 June -- CPT Daniel R. Monroe; 20 June -- LTC Chad M. Henderson; 23 June -- COL Mark J. Weinerth; 28 June -- Lt Col Ulysses C. Swift

#### JULY COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

09 Jul -- Ms. Eunice M. Hill; Maj Donald W. Johnson; 10 Jul -- CAPT John M. McGrath; 11 Jul -- Lt Col Edward M. Tomlinson; COL Barrie A. Town; 12 Jul -- Col Frank E. Seaman; 16 Jul -- MAJ William J. Hybl, Jr.; Mrs. Sandra L. Russell, Ph. D.; 21 Jul -- Lt Col Douglas R. Brower; 22 Jul -- Col Robert R. Sommers; 30 Jul -- Lt Col Jon K. Wisham, Sr.

#### ANNIVERSARIES AND TRIVIA

- June 6: D-Day Anniversary.
- June 12: Anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act (1918) legally permitted women to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces in a number of official capacities.
- June 7-14: U.S. Army 250th birthday week-long celebration.
- June 14: U.S. Army 250th birthday.
- June 14: Flag Day
- June 23: US Coast Guard Auxiliary Day
- June 25: Anniversary of the Korean War
- June 26: Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift
- June 27: National Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Day (PTSD)

#### Trivia

What does VA stand for? "Veterans Administration" (VA) is not the current name of the department. It was formally renamed the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on March 15, 1989. While the VA is often referred to as the "VA," the official name is the Department of Veterans Affairs. Name change occurred when the Veterans Administration was elevated to a cabinet-level department in 1988 and renamed the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989. The current, **official name** of the department is the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA provides a wide range of services for veterans and their families, including healthcare, benefits, and burials.



## AWARDS & RECOGNITION COMPANION AWARD(S)

Companion Randy Helms (Col, USAF, Ret) was awarded the U.S. Air Force Academy's Distinguished Service Award.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to military members, civilians or groups for their long-term service and dedication to the Academy.

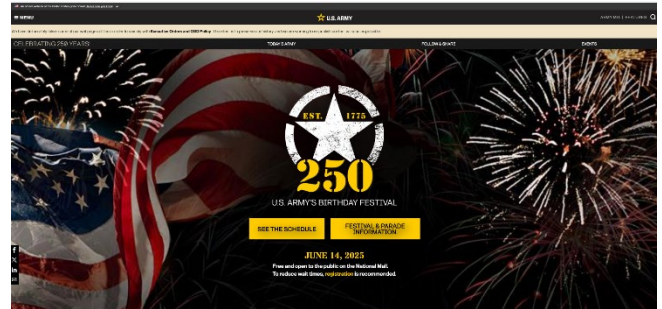
Helms, class of 1979, retired from the Air Force



(L-R) Lt Gen Tony D. Bauernfeind presents award to Companion Randy Helms

after 29 years of service. In retirement, he continued to embody a "service before self" philosophy by championing the need to improve the Academy. His efforts saw the first class gift added to the Honor Court, a bronze sculpture of an AC-130 and shepherding a seven-year fundraising effort to support the Academy's mission.

Helms continues to serve by volunteering with multiple Academy organizations and representing the graduate community during memorial services and in the Association of Graduates. He continues to make a significant impact in the local and military community on the Academy's behalf.



Celebrate with the Nation the Army's 250-year anniversary. Access this [link](#) for information on events across the country

### 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.

### 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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### **National Security Committee Chair**

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## MOWW CHAPTER 151 ROTC, JROTC and USAF ACADEMY (USAF A) AWARD PRESENTATIONS 2025

The Chapter was honored to provide MOWW ROTC/JROTC Award of Merit Medals, Ribbons, and Certificates to 21 outstanding cadets throughout the Pikes Peak region. Eight Companions recognized 3 outstanding University of Colorado-Colorado Springs (UCCS)) ROTC Cadets and 18 JROTC high school students at 17 Awards Ceremonies in Colorado Springs, Fountain, Pueblo, Widefield, and Canon City.

### University of Colorado – Colorado Springs (UCCS) ROTC Award Ceremony

Rich Peters (Lt Col, USAF, Ret) and Ulysses Swift (Lt Col, USAF, Ret) represented the Chapter at the Mountain Ranger Battalion 2025 Award Ceremony. Rich Peters awarded Bronze Medal with certificate to Cadet Bryan Hancock, Silver Medal with certificate to Cadet Andrew Evans, and Gold Medal with certificate to Cadet David Gambrell.



Companion	Organization	Awardees
Lt Col Rich Peters	UCCS ROTC	Bryan Hancock, Andrew Evans, David Gambrell
COL Mark Weinerth	Air Academy HS	C/SSgt Robert Zupan
	Falcon HS	C/1Lt Brody Ryan
	Fountain-Fort Carson HS	Breanna Sipple
Col Kerm Neal	Canon City HS	C/1LT Lillyann Bunting
	Doherty HS	Cadet Owen Stokes
	Pueblo County HS	C/Corporal Bryson Stotts
CPT John Hannan	Mesa Ridge HS	PO2 Ella Covert
Lt Col Paul Willey	Sand Creek HS	Cadet William Schymos
	Harrison HS	Cadet Captain Joakin Robles
	Mitchell HS	C/MSgt Noah Ogilvie
Lt Col Ulysses Swift	Vista Ridge HS	Cadet Isabella Shelby
	Widefield HS	C/PO2 Brianne Krolkowski
	Pueblo Centennial HS	C/PFC Matthew Carlson
LTC Mike Berendt	Pueblo South HS	C/PFC Charles Duran
	Pueblo Central HS	C/PFC Leon Robitaille
	Pueblo East HS	C/PFC Arianna Vargas
MAJ Dave Ritterling	Glenwood Springs HS	Cadet Captain Alexa Najera
	Pueblo West HS	C/SGT Melanie Lingelbach
Mailed to Unit		



(L-R) Ulysses Swift with C/MSgt Noah Ogilvie Mitchell HS



(L-R) Paul Willey with Cadet William Schymos Sand Creek HS



(L-R) C/PO2 Brianne Krolkowski with Mike Berendt

### 2025 RAOUL LUFBERY AWARD

Chapter Commander, Col Kermit Neal, USAF (Ret), had the honor of presenting the MOWW Lufbery Award to United States Air Force Academy (USAF A) Cadet Peter J. Rickard. The MOWW Lufbery Award is a national-level award recognizing the Outstanding Cadet in a Western Language Minor. Cadet Rickard won the award for his excellence in German language studies. He graduated from the Air Force Academy on 29 May 2024 and will be assigned to Vance AFB in Oklahoma for Undergraduate Pilot Training.

The Lufbery Award is presented annually in memory of Major Gervais Raoul Victor Lufbery (14 March 1885 –19 May 1918), a French and American fighter pilot and flying ace in World War I. Due to his service in the French Air Force and later the United States Army Air Service during World War I. He is alternatively listed as a French or American ace. Officially, all but one of his 17 combat victories came while flying in French units. The USAFA Department of Foreign Languages faculty determines the recipient on behalf of the Order.





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