

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII NOVEMBER 2025 Newsletter



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COMMANDER'S REMARKS (November 2025)

Greetings Companions!!

With Halloween behind us, we now focus on the month of November, as a time to celebrate you veterans! November activities are centered around Veteran's Day. Here are some opportunities for you to help the Chapter celebrate Veteran's Day:

- This Year's Colorado Springs Veteran's Parade will be on Saturday, November 8th at 1100 hours. Our Chapter is partnering with Nathan Watanabe and his historic military vehicles to participate in the parade. If you would like to join us riding in these vehicles, please let Kerm Neal knealsfour@yahoo.com (719)205 1106, know. We have a limited number of seats available, but you can also march along the parade route.
- There will normally be a Veteran's Day Observance on Tuesday, November 11th at 1100 hours at Memorial Park.

Our November meeting will be to celebrate Veterans, on Saturday, 22 November and will start our winter luncheon, meetings from 1100-1300. Our featured speaker is Mike McGrath, Naval Air Aviator, Viet Nam POW and local legend. Plan on attending this event and bringing others!

We will not be meeting in December as that is a busy time with families and Christmas Hannukah and New Years preparation activities.

Our New Year 2026 will kick off with our monthly luncheon on Saturday, 24th of January at

1100 at Patty Jewett Golf Course. This is the month we are honoring ROTC and JROTC programs. Our guest speaker will be Franklin Joey Hinson, Jr., Colonel (Ret), USAF, the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at Mitchell High School. Mitchell HS has provided students every year to our Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference. Plan to attend this event to learn about what is going on with JROTC.

I am excited about the year ahead and request you consider how you can contribute your efforts for the good of the order, and to enact the motto "It is nobler to serve than to be served"!

Thank you again for the honor and privilege of being your commander and thank you all for your service!

Steve

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STAFF MEETING (23 October)

TREASURER'S REPORT INFORMATION

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

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$13,448.74
Savings:	\$104.18
Checking:	\$1911.05
Reserved:	\$1860.29
Total:	\$17,324.59

CHAPTER ACTION PLAN (CAP)	
Strategic Goal (SG) Current	Initiatives
SG1 Outreach – Consistent impactful outreach programs and activities.	Contact any Staff member if you have any suggestions on meeting SG-1.
SG2 Strategic Partnerships -	Engage with other veteran organizations to establish strategic partnerships. Contact Steve Shambach with any suggestions on meeting SG-2. In Progress.
SG3 Maximize Visibility	Chapter committed to participate in Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade. 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 for OY25-26 is three Companions. Please contact Mark Ellis 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 or other opportunities for Chapter fundraiser.
SG6 Increase number of chapters and strengthen existing chapters.	Contact anyone on Staff if you would like to volunteer your skills or suggestions for meeting this SG (i.e., strengthen recruiting, Chapter social media presence, Chapter branding, etc.

before entering the Naval Academy. He completed flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator. Flying off the aircraft carrier, USS Ranger, he flew 157 missions over Southeast Asia. Later, in 1967, flying off the USS Constellation 22 combat missions, he was shot down and taken as a prisoner of war where he was held captive for six years. Suffering extreme mental and physical cruelties, Mike resisted these brutalities and was released in 1973. He has held numerous positions in the military since then and upon retirement flew for United Airlines. Mike was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2003, and he has been presented with the Medal of Courage for good reason.

Colorado Springs MOWW Chapter Supports Colorado Springs Police Department 2025 Medal of Valor Dinner

The MOWW Colorado Springs Chapter participated in the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) Annual Medal of Valor Dinner held on 26 September 2025. The Police Foundation of Colorado Springs organizes the annual Medal of Valor dinner each year to mark the bravery and sacrifice of law enforcement officers who kept true to their vow to protect and serve. This was the 40th annual banquet and numerous police officers received medals for valor and bravery; most having risked their lives to protect the citizens in the community. Sponsoring a table for the dinner to honor police officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty demonstrates the MOWW commitment to supporting Public Safety/Law & Order organizations. These officers protect and serve the public every day and participating in the dinner honors our MOWW commitment to protect, serve, respect, and honor our First Responders.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MOWW dinner meeting on Saturday, 22 November will be a celebration to Veterans. Mike McGrath, A Viet Nam POW will be our Speaker. **Please note that it is our move to Saturday Lunch meetings. Reservations required. RSVP to LTC Berendt, berendt478@aol.com, (410) 908-6777 NLT 17 Nov.**

Mike McGrath's Bio:

MIKE MCGRATH, Captain, USN, Retired. A Colorado native from Delta, CO, Mike attended the University of Colorado one year



CPT John Hannan, Rich Peters (not pictured), Lt Col Ulysses Swift & Beverly Swift attend the Colorado Springs Police Department Medal of Valor Dinner

EVENTS HONORING VETERANS DURING VETERAN'S DAY WEEK

-November 7th (Friday): Veterans Day Remembrance and Celebration at Russell Middle School of the Visual and Performing Arts, 1:30-3:00pm at 3825 Montebello Drive, Colorado Springs, with guest speaker LCDR Charles Potter

-November 7th (Friday): Purple Heart Exhibit at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College

-November 8th (Saturday): Breakfast prior to the parade at American Legion Post 5 from 8-10 am, 15 East Platte Ave (corner of Cascade and Platte)

-November 8th (Saturday): In Their Honor Veterans Day Parade-- MOWW and Colorado Military History Group teaming up again to participate

-November 11th (Tuesday): Doherty High School NJROTC Veterans Day Assembly. If interested, meet at the east door (by the gym) to be escorted in. Event starts around 1030.

-November 11th (Tuesday), 11AM, Memorial Park: City of Colorado Springs Veterans Day Memorial event, led by the Special Forces Association.

-Veterans, retired and Active Duty can shoot free at Magnum Shooting Centers this month, <https://magnumshootingcenter.com/specials-and-promos/>.

ROTC/JROTC

School is back in session for most of our local high schools and our Department Commanders are reorganizing their ROTC/JROTC units with new cadet leadership and members. We are updating our contact information to reflect changes in Military leadership and phone numbers in preparation for spring award ceremonies. With the recent changes to MOWW Membership policies, we are also encouraging our retired Non-Commissioned officers to join our Colorado Springs MOWW chapter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

NOVEMBER COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

LTC John Russell; MAJ Roosevelt Hines, Jr; Col Richard Rima; COL Stover James, Jr; COL Michael Boatner

DECEMBER COMPANION BIRTHDAYS

SFC Keith McKim; Col Kermit Neal; MAJ Raymond Schmahl; BG Anthony Trifiletti; LTC Warren Wieland; Ms Lisa Wieland; Lt Col Simon Willis

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.

[Link to MOWW Preamble](#)

Chapter Website: www.cos_moww.org



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>