

Military Order of the World Wars



Chapter 151 Region XIII July 2026 Newsletter



COMMANDER'S REMARKS (July 2026)

Greetings Companions!

I hope you enjoyed the 4th of July celebrating the 250th anniversary of our country and 150th anniversary of Colorado! Info from the 4th of July Monument Parade is in this newsletter.

We did not have a membership meeting in June because many are involved in the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference that ran 15-19 June at CSU Pueblo. This year's Conference included 95 rising high school seniors and juniors from 43 high schools. Our participation is getting back to pre-COVID numbers. The Conference featured guest speakers Nathan Watanabe about Patriotism and Americanism and Mike McGrath regarding leadership from his POW experience. This year's essay competition focused on how to create a more perfect union by remedying perceived divisions within our country. The capstone Awesome Power exercise that was voted best was on the topic of "Women in the Draft" this year. We will have a presentation on the Conference and some students who attended the conference, including a student who is attending the National Youth Civics Summit in Washington D.S. the second week in July, at our August 27th membership dinner.

Our July 30th meeting will feature guest speaker and fellow companion Bill Hybl, discussing the El Pomar foundation and its support of veterans. We will also be inducting new members and installing our chapter officers for OY 2027 (July 2026-June 2027). With the new Operating Year, I need your help to recruit new members! Our goal this year is 6 new members. Remember that MOWW is now open to all ranks, so we can reach out to enlisted and NCOs, both prior and retired.

In August, you are also invited to attend the annual MOWW Convention in San Antonio, Texas, August, 11-16 August on the River Walk. You can find our more information and register at: [Convention - Military Order of the World Wars](#). Registration closes on 19 July. If you have not attended a Convention, it is a great opportunity to meet other MOWW companions across the country and learn more about the organization.

Finally, I ask you to volunteer to serve on one of our Program Committees. The more people involved, the less work on any one individual and the more can be accomplished. Most of the committees do not require much time, though some periods are busier than others. Contact our program leads. Remember our motto, "It is nobler to serve than to be served".

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Membership meeting at the end of the month!

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ROTC AND JROTC

After 6 six years of service managing this program, Ulysses Swift and Mike Berendt are looking for a volunteer to take over leadership of this annual event. Please contact either of them if you are willing to take over the reins of this important COS MOWW program.

TREASURER'S REPORT **INFORMATION**

The following table depicts the Chapter's financial status as of 2 May 2026.

Account	Balances
CDs:	\$13,900.87
Savings:	\$105.39
Checking:	\$5,478.21
Reserved:	\$1,343.89
Total:	\$20,828.36

COS MOWW Participates in America 250 Celebration

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW was honored to participate in the "America 250" Celebration on 4 July 2026 as a marching unit in the annual Independence Day Parade in Monument, Colorado. The Rocky Mountain Department Commander, Colonel Kerm Neal, USAF (Ret), organized MOWW participation in the event in partnership with LTC Nathan Watanabe, USA (Ret), and the Colorado Military History Group (CMHG). MOWW parade participation featured Companions riding in a World War II vintage 1942 Ford GPW "Jeep" along with two "Living Historians"/Reenactors from the CMHG. Revelers from across the Front Range of Colorado waved flags and shouted "USA, USA, USA" as the MOWW/CMHG group, one of only two that included military vehicles, passed by. The Monument, Colorado Independence Day

parade has been recognized as one of the “Largest Small-Town parades” in the nation annually with the town population doubling that day as over 20,000 attendees attend the ceremony. This year’s parade featured 109 participating units/organizations and a flyover by a C-130 from the Colorado Air National Guard and World War II aircraft from the WWII Aviation Museum.



MILITARY HUMOR

What is the response a USAFA Doolie gives when asked “What is your altitude cadet?”
Response – “Sir/Ma’am-my altitude is 7,258 feet above sea level, far, far above West Point or Annapolis, Sir/Ma’am”

The Military Order of the World Wars Colorado Springs Chapter (151) 2026-2027 Chapter Action Plan

The main effort this year is to build on the successes of 2025-2026, continue to grow our chapter, extend our outreach to the local community, and create a sustainment plan for continuous improvement of our local Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) chapter. As the chapter Commander, I feel it is essential to institute a true plan that provides a roadmap that (a) sets goals for

what must be done, (b) establishes priorities of what can be done, (c) sets up a manageable and realistic schedule on when the goals are to be accomplished, and (d) highlights opportunities for the Chapter to provide service to others, (e) establish leadership succession plan. Having these key elements established will facilitate the effort to acquire and oversee those willing, available, and able companions who will follow through in accomplishing the tasks required to meet the goals.

CHAPTER ACTION PLAN (CAP)	
Strategic Goal (SG) Current	Initiative
SG1 Consistently develop and deliver attractive, and high impact community outreach programs and activities	Increase the number of Companions who are actively involved in chapter outreach programs. Continue to support and maintain the viability of the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation and Conference. Coordinate and strengthen ties with other organizations and VSOs to seek new outreach opportunities.
SG2 Expand our impact through alliances and strategic partnerships with organizations that align with our mission	Increase alliances with other organizations with missions that align with MOWWs. Strengthen alliances with those organizations that we currently are aligned with Increase and strengthen

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	communication processes with other VSOs.
SG3 Increase visibility of the Order at the national and community levels through focused communication, marketing strategies, and local community engagement	Grow Chapter visibility in the community and among other VSOs through focused communications and social media. Seek out methods to increase and multiply our social media avenues/efforts. Host the COS-MOWW.org website, promptly post chapter information and events, and maintain and grow our social media presence to keep members informed and communicating.
SG4 Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership	Meet or exceed national recruiting goals. Increase the number of new Companions recruited (excluding membership renewals and reinstatements); emphasize perpetual memberships vs. annual memberships when possible. Sustain 85% of Regular and Hereditary members renew

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	membership. Continue to exceed the 75% threshold for veteran Companions. Increase the number of Companions at regular Chapter meetings. Hold a minimum of 9 Chapter meetings per year. Host the COS-MOWW.org website, promptly post chapter information and events, and establish a social media presence to keep members informed and communicating.
SG5 Increase adequate financial resources to fulfill the Order's mission	Partner with RMYLF for fund raising activities and initiatives. Continue to receive contributions from RMYLF to divide the per student, per night stipend paid by MOWW YEF. Seek sponsorship from individuals and organizations who support Veteran's organizations. Encourage Chapter companions to support the annual CINC Solicitation. Partner with Wreaths

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	Across America (\$5 Payback Program) and encourage members to contribute wreaths through the COS MOWW website. Solicit funds at Chapter meetings and thru the monthly newsletter SG6: Increase the number of chapters and strengthen existing chapters. Increase Companion recognition program. Ensure succession plan is in place and is viable. Ensure Companions are prepared to assume Chapter leadership roles. Continue to support the Denver Chapter by attending their membership meetings and sharing speakers and information. Recruit committee members to assist Chapter Program Leads; at least one additional member on each committee. Ensure updated contact information for each member, email preferred, with an emphasis on those in

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	the Colorado Springs area.

JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 30th of July, 1700-1915 at the Patty Jewett Golf Course. Our guest speaker will be Companion Bill Hybl presenting how the El Pomar Foundation supports our military. Reservations required. RSVP to LTC Berendt, berendt478@aol.com, (410) 908-6777 NLT 27 July 2026.

JULY COMPANION BIRTHDAYS
Lt Col Douglas Brower, CWO4 John Cashman, LTC Iona Connolly, Ms. Eunice Hill, MAJ William Hybl, Jr., Maj Donald Johnson, CAPT John McGrath, Mrs. Sandra Russell, Ph. D., Col Frank Seaman, Col Robert Sommers, Lt Col Edward Tomlinson, COL Barrie Town, Lt Col Jon Wisham, Sr.

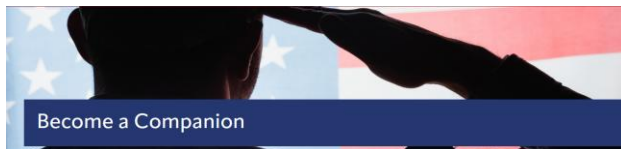
AUGUST COMPANION BIRTHDAYS
Col Robert L. Browning, Ms. Margaret L. Clay, MAJ William A. Cross, MAJ Tisha Kim Ellis, Col Robert H. Emmons, Col Michael R. Helms, COL Algin J. Hughes, COL Elmer James Mason, Mrs. Linda C. Rowe,

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>

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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:

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