

## Colorado Springs Chapter, CO Article for Officer Review Magazine

### TITLE: COS MOWW Salutes our ROTC/JROTC Leaders

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW was honored to recognize some of our local Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) leaders as our guest speakers on Saturday, 24 January 2026. We were honored to have Colonel Joey Hinson, USAF (Ret), Senior Aerospace Science Instructor for the Air Force (AFJROTC) program at Mitchell HS in Colorado Springs, along with two of his top cadets. Callin Dawson is this year's Detachment Commander and also attended the 2025 Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference (RMYLC) sponsored by COS MOWW. Junior Delilah Epps, who plans to attend RMYLC this year, is the presumed detachment commander for 2027.

Col Hinson is a native of South Carolina and a graduate of the Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. He served 23 years in the Air Force, spending his last 15 years in the Space Operations Career Field. He retired from Active Duty in 2010 and is in his 16<sup>th</sup> year as an AFJROTC Instructor, serving initially at Harrison HS in Colorado Springs. He provided some interesting facts about JROTC programs throughout the nation and their role as a Citizenship program with a military flavor. Callin and Delilah provided an excellent example of highly motivated, inquisitive young leaders who love their country and follow in the footsteps of their relatives. We are fortunate to have dedicated professionals like Col Hinson who provide a role model for the next generation and exemplify the MOWW motto that *It is Nobler to Serve than to be Served*.



COL Steve Shambach provides a MOWW Certificate to Col Joey Hinson, Mitchell HS AFJROTC, accompanied by Cadets Dawson and Epps