

COMMANDER

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES

ADJUTANT

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Welcome back everybody. Hope your summer was restful and pleasant. As we all get back to preparing for the current operating year's activities, I want to take a moment to thank all those fellow companions, associates and partner organizations who contributed to our previous operational year successes. The results from our recent annual national convention are in and our chapter (as did our Region) fared quite well this year. Region XIII received top honors through its chapter performances and even took home recognition for having the most attendee fellow companions in attendance. Our very own Chapter brought home the lion's share of national awards, placing within the top three award winners in seven competition categories. One of the most notable was "Chapter of the Year" in the medium chapter category, its first time out competing within a field of eight total chapter competitors. Find out more in this edition on the Chapter-in-Action segment. Our very own Chapter Adjutant was also re-elected for a third term as national vice commander-in-chief of the Order overseeing our region once again and Region VII which covers five gulf coast states in the southeast. Congrats to all!

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of the writing of the chapter financial treasurer report, our CHASE Bank Chapter Bank account balance is; Checking - \$1,206.70 dollars and Savings - \$5,410.26 dollars respectively. As already reported previously, our chapter sponsored 13 student delegates at \$549.00 per student cost for a total payment to AZYL, Inc. of \$7,137.00 dollars with no further outstanding expenses pending. Extracting the AZYL, Inc. payout to the initial \$12,196.48 dollars donation from the former Catalina Mountains Chapter leaves a remaining balance of \$5,059.48 dollars to be transferred into the newly created US Bank AZYLC Fund account, once our chapter has provided the signature information requested. Once the transfer has been completed our CHASE Bank account Savings will have a balance of \$350.78 dollars in funds starting its operations for the current year. Forthcoming anticipated chapter expenditures for the first quarter are anticipated to require about \$1,500.00 dollars (to meet initial administrative and operational & management demands). The annual Country Fair White Elephant Grant Committee request letter has already been submitted. We are requesting \$3,500.00 dollars in grant support, an increase from last year of \$1,500.00 dollars.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Hi all. My Adjutant's report will mostly cover my MOWW national convention after-action notes and some coordination items on our first quarter chapter operations "to do" list. Our commander already briefed our strong showing at the national convention awards competition this year, so I'll proceed with the stated MOWW key focus areas for the current operating year. With the approval of the MOWW Strategic Plan 20-23-2028 all priorities at the national and field operational levels of community service will highlight "outreach and partnership building." All other stated strategic goals are considered enablers to this central local area engagement area of the MOWW mission. National leadership recommends all companions go to the national website at www.MOWW.org and review the CINC's intent letter, review the actual MOWW Strategic Goal 2023-2028 posted publication, and reflect this significant shift in organizational strategic planning into its annual Chapter Action Plan. Some projects currently in the early planning stages for this year include; 1) building and testing an online MOWW proxy voting system, 2) lobbying the general staff to seriously consider expanding future CINC tour of duty to a two-year commitment, 3) the development and installation of an HQ-based IRS 501c3 counterpart body along side our current IRS 501c19 nonprofit operational structure, and 4) reaching final Ad Hoc committee recommendations to the Executive Committee on membership policy reform and organization re-branding/re-naming recommendations no later than March of 2024. Our Chapter recruitment goal for this year (to obtain our desired 4% Chapter chapter growth 4% increase is the recruitment of 3 new fellow companions who all must be retired, former or current active duty military. Our Chapter personal recruitment goal for this year (to help reduce our current 72.1% IRS 75% vs 25% shortfall) is the recruitment of 4 new fellow chapter companions who are all retired, former or current military commissioned or warrant officers. The Chapter meeting schedule (for the current operating year) is now posted to the Region XIII website Calendar page online at: www.MOWWSCV.com/Calendar/ Subject to questions, that completes this month's report.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

- Jul 03rd – VSO-1: JUL (4) WOW VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
- Jul 11th – MOWW: AZYLC 2023 Begins, Glendale, AZ - 10AM
- Jul 12th – MOWW: NCSC VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Jul 14th – MOWW: AZYLC 2023 Ends, Glendale, AZ - 2PM
- Jul 15th – MGM Chapter Monthly HYBRID Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Jul 15th – GELP Chapter Hybrid Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Jul 18th – MOWW: VAC Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- Jul 19th – MOWW: IPC Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 1PM
- Jul 22nd – PHX Chapter Monthly HYBRID Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10AM
- Jul 22nd – CS Chapter Monthly HYBRID Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Jul 25th – QTR-1: SCV Chapter Staff VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Jul 26th – MOWW: NC25 Team Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 11AM
- Jul 27th – R-13: Special Election Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: SEPT 9th (HYBRID)

ZOOM LINK

MEETINGS: (VCC "staff" formats & HYBRID "membership" available)

EVENT: QTR-1: SCV Chapter Membership Meeting - 11AM

ATTIRE: Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire

PROGRAM: OY 2023 Activity Season Initial Planning Meeting

AGENDA: "RM-1 SCV Chapter Membership Event Activity"

NOTE: "Local Chapter staff meetings are programmed on a quarterly ("QTR") every 3-month intervals on the 4th Saturday of the designated month) and alternating chapter fellow companion regular hybrid/locale membership meetings ("AM" on selected months without scheduled special events or staff meetings on either the 1st or 2nd Saturday of the designated month).

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Energy-saving airlift prototype to be built by JetZero for Air Force

Japanese F-35s to make inaugural deployment to Australia

Opinion: How F-16s for Ukraine could harm Russia without taking a single shot

Romania eyes 32 F-35s under \$6.5 billion deal

Land --



Troops need improved cyber education, US Army leaders say

New Army CIO wants to trade bureaucracy for program modernization

International interest growing for Army's battle command system

US Army seeks industry input on AI bill of materials

Pentagon --

Orders flooding in on Pentagon's \$9 billion cloud contract

The Pentagon in late 2022 tapped Amazon, Google, Microsoft and Oracle for its potential \$9 billion Joint Warfighting Cloud Capability or JWCC.



Pentagon establishes Task Force Lima to study generative AI issues

The Pentagon sought \$1.6 billion for artificial intelligence in its fiscal 2024 budget request.



Opinion: We need a solution now to unfreeze military confirmations

The Senate freeze is tarnishing America's reputation as an unshakable, always-ready global leader.

Capitol Hill commission urges overhaul of Pentagon budget planning

The commission's interim report lays out 13 immediate recommendations to improve the budget planning process and another 10 possible major changes.

Leidos retuning focus, crafting 'North Star' vision, CEO Tom Bell says

The company's CEO told investors during a quarterly earnings call that while Leidos is healthy, there's room for "strategic sharpening."

How Adm. Paparo will lead the US military in the Indo-Pacific

While the Pentagon suggested Paparo as the Navy's next chief of operations, tapping him for combatant command will keep his sets in the West Pacific.

Naval --



Navy decommissions LCS Sioux City after less than five years at sea

Acting Navy chief takes over a fleet on the cusp of major changes

Navy extends service lives of four more destroyers

Turkey to arm 11 naval platforms with Atmaca missiles
The Atmaca will replace Turkey's aging inventory of more than 350 American-made Harpoon missiles.

Space --



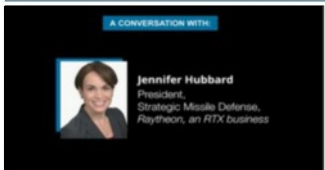
DARPA to explore technology needed for moon-based economy

How the Space Force is preparing its ground systems for 'dynamic' ops

Rogers demands Pentagon comply with Space Command inquiry

Satellite startup True Anomaly opens Colorado factory
The building, called GravityWorks, will host production for the company's Jackal spacecraft, designed to perform rendezvous and proximity operations.

VIDEOS --



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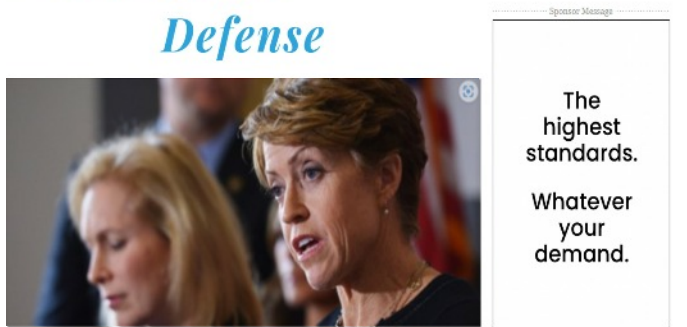
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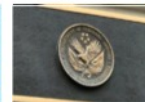
What military sexual-assault victims think of the new way cases are prosecuted

President Biden signed an executive order last month that removes legal decision-making authority from commanders for most serious crimes.

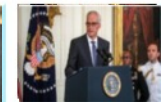
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PACT Act in one year aided 340,000 ailing veterans and survivors, Biden says



VA extends PACT Act filing deadline after website glitches



'High volume' of last-minute PACT Act submissions caused tech glitches, VA says

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NOTABLE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



Contact the Santa Cruz Valley Chapter and your local district youth leadership development organizations today for a complete listing of scheduled activities in your local community and surrounding areas.

ACTIVITY ACCOLADES:



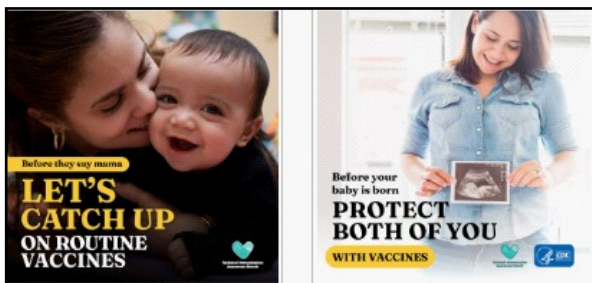
PROGRAM CONTACTS:

AJROTC Events – For an update on local Rio Rico HS Army JROTC activities and information please contact LTC Ronnie St. Clair at rstclair@scv35.org Program Website – <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcriorico/>

- 04 AUG Color Guard for SCV35 Welcome Back Teachers, Rio Rico, AZ
- 14 AUG Parent meeting for cadets wishing to be in JROTC, Rio Rico, AZ
- 26 AUG Color Guard for SCV35 Hall of Fame Banquet, Rio Rico, AZ

NJROTC Events – For an update on local Sahuarita HS Navy JROTC activities and information please contact Commander Bradley Roberson, USN (ret.) at broberson@sahuarita.k12.az.us

- 01 AUG SHS Freshman Orientation, Sahuarita, AZ
- 02 AUG Color Guard SUSD Meeting, Sahuarita, AZ
- 09 AUG Color Guard SUSD Board Meeting, Sahuarita, AZ
- 12 AUG American Legion Post 66 Clean Up, Green Valley, AZ
- 19 AUG Phoenix Orienteering Club Meet, Mormon Lake, AZ
- 24 AUG SHS Open House, Sahuarita, AZ
- 26 AUG Greasewood Park Orienteering, Tucson, AZ



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AZ YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2023						

August 2023						
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6	7 WOW Weekly VCC	8	9	10 DoD BIRTHDAY	11	12
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Psalm 89:1-2

"I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens."

All through scripture we learn of God's covenant with his people. His promise of love and grace is stressed throughout. The God who has given us life tells us to be rich in faith: to place our faith in God who is faithful to us. God wants us to be strong in spirit and trust in God to be our guide in life. We can always count on God to walk with us in both easy and difficult times. May we forever walk in faith and trust and give praise and glory to the Lord our God.

Grace and peace to all,

Chaplain Jean



Our Chapter welcomes fellow MOWW companion HPM Gloria Jean Nelson, who has transitioned over from the former Catalina Mountains Chapter in East Tucson. Jean served three years as the chapter's commander and chaplain. Jean has graciously accepted to fill our Santa Cruz Valley Chapter (AZ-193) Chaplain position vacancy. In anticipation of her welcoming, our Chapter Newsletter will now provide a dedicated Chaplain's Corner page segment in every monthly edition beginning with this edition.

COMPANION CORNER

Companion Membership Anniversaries

July Anniversaries:

- James W. Cocke, PM (46 year)
- Frank M. Feliciano, PM (41 years)
- Freeman P. Fountain, PM (39 years)
- Adam T. Free, PM (18 years)
- Daniel R. Free, PM (47 years)
- Hazel E. Lorimore, PM (44 years)
- Joel M. Greenberg, RM (5 years)
- Warren A. Grossetta, PM (46 year)
- Laird Guttersen, PM (46 year)
- Fred S. Hanna, PM (46 years)
- Ronald A. McCreery, PM (38 years)
- David I. Miller, PM (38 years)
- Billie L. Stephens, PM (20 years)
- Matthew R. Tank, PM (39 years)
- Pierce W. Timberlake, HPM (41 years)
- Carl F. Wright, PM (44 years)
- Michael S. West, PM (39 years)

Companion Membership Anniversaries

August Anniversaries:

- Dolores M. Cataldo, PM (23 years)
- Fluvio J. Cataldo, PM (31 years)
- Stephen W. Christy, HPM (28 years)
- Richard D. Clifton, PM (23 years)
- Donald D. Doran, PM (41 years)
- David Fagergren, PM (16 years)
- Erik Fagergren, PM (16 years)
- William A. Gill, PM (36 years)
- Frank G. Huston, PM (68 years)
- Robert D. Kellogg, PM (32 years)
- Eugene L. Lash, PM (39 years)
- Quentin H. Miller, PM (38 years)
- Thomas E. Ozier, PM (37 years)
- Charlotte M. Post, HPM (23 years)
- Bruce E. Rianda, PM (21 years)
- John Seatvet, PM (46 years)
- Sabrina L. Wolfe, PM (37 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

July Anniversaries:

- James E. Adams Jr., RM (celebrated on the 22nd)
- Myles K. Beck, PM (celebrated on the 7th)
- George W. Biggs, PM (remembered on the 2nd)
- Bobby J. Edwards, RM (celebrated on the 14th)
- Robert E. Johnson, PM (remembered on the 16th)
- Kyle C. Kadous, HPM (celebrated on the 3rd)
- Peter M. Leander, PM (celebrated on the 12th)
- Roland H. Mapes, PM (remembered on the 28th)
- Michael J. Massee, PM (celebrated on the 4th)
- Charlotte M. Post, HPM (remembered on the 19th)
- Carl c. Sheets, PM (celebrated on the 17th)
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- Frank M. Feliciano, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Clifford I. Franks, RM (celebrated on the 26th)
- James R. Frantz, PM (remembered on the 14th)
- Paul B. Jenkins, HPM (celebrated on the 31st)
- Robert E. Johnson, PM (remembered on the 16th)
- Kyle C. Kadous, HPM (celebrated on the 3rd)
- Peter M. Leander, PM (celebrated on the 12th)
- Roland H. Mapes, PM (remembered on the 28th)
- Michael J. Massee, PM (celebrated on the 4th)
- John S. McCain, PM (remembered on the 29th)
- Robert D. McCrory, PM (remembered on the 4th)
- Pedro Najera, PM (celebrated on the 8th)
- Jane Pall, HPM (celebrated on the 29th)
- Charlotte M. Post, HPM (remembered on the 19th)
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CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



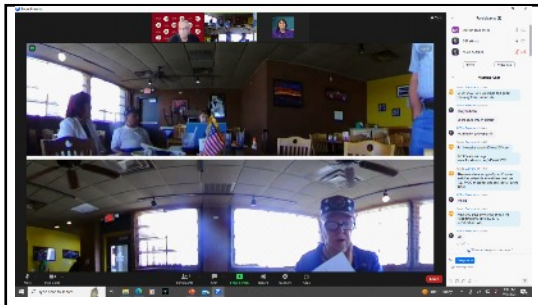
VSO-1: WOW Weekly VCC MTG - JUL 2023

The Wings Over Wendy’s non-profit organization (MOWW VSO partner) meets weekly in southern California and is a predominantly veteran and local community civilian civic group that brings together aviation professionals, enthusiast and historians at each meeting. Their weekly online video conference call hybrid meetings help preserve military service heritage, history and the legacy moving forward with younger generations which is in tune with our MOWW organizational preamble and values. We are all in this continuous challenge.



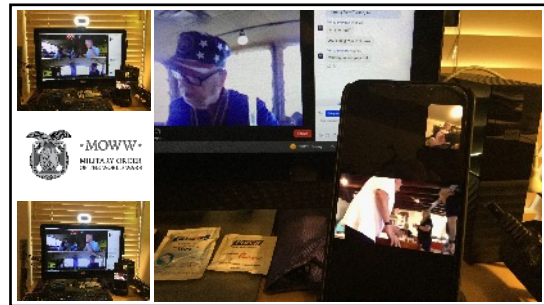
MOWW: AZYLC Summer Program- JUL 2023

The Arizona Youth Leadership Conference summer program for 2023 was successfully executed, after a long hiatus due to COVID-19 in 2020 through the post pandemic recovery period in operating years 2021 and 2022. A total of fifty five student delegates participated, of which 13 came from southern Arizona. The AZYL, inc board will be looking into how to better serve the supporting chapters and will be looking into changing hosting campus location, in efforts to cut overall cost and planing red tape for calendar year 2024.



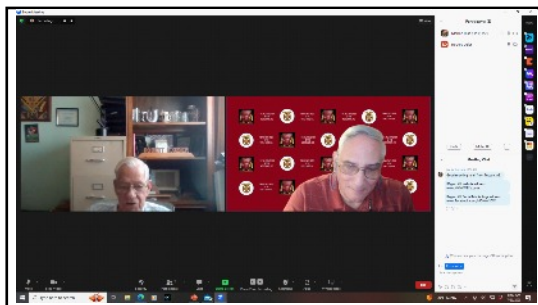
R-13: GELP Chapter Hybrid MTG - JUL 2023

Our chapter participated in the July monthly Greater El Paso Chapter regular membership hybrid meeting via online ZOOM live streaming session. We also took the opportunity to help our fellow companion counterparts in west Texas test out there new online audio-visual equipment (which can be viewed in the picture provided). The new camera setup allow for a wider panoramic view point for online participants to see a large wide-angle view of the meeting locale (both forward and rear of the camera equipment. We are all too happy to help.



R-13: Simultaneous Hybrid MTG - JUL 2023

Our chapter also achieved another technical first for the order - as it successfully participated in two separate location online hybrid chapter meetings simultaneously. Thanks to modern online tech capabilities, our chapter was able to support and participate online both the Greater El Paso Chapter in west Texas and the MG Miles Chapter hosting a mobile chapter online chapter meeting from Pecos in New Mexico simultaneously. Multi-ZOOM participation requires a separate platform login from two different computer systems.



QTR-1: SCV Chapter Staff VCC MTG - JUL 2023

Our chapter hosted its first 2023-2024 operating year online Staff Video Conference Call (ZOOM) session the last week of July, just prior to traveling east to Annapolis to participate in this year’s annual MOWW National Convention 2023. Our chapter has scheduled four such meetings for the year - this being our first quarterly (JUL-AUG-SEPT) staff meeting requirement. Our first bi-monthly chapter regular membership hybrid meeting is scheduled for the second Saturday in the month of September on 9 SEPT at 11:30AM.



MOWW: NC23 Annapolis, MD - AUG 2023

While Region XIII once again dominated at this years national awards - taking top honors for having the most officer delegates attending. Our chapter was again the top award-winning chapter for the region - having earned top national honors in no less than seven categories, including taking the “top spot” as “Chapter of the Year” in its first year running in the medium chapter category, beating out seven other chapters. Our very own chapter Adjutant was also recognized for his MOWW OY recruitment achievement.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

Upon Leaving Weather Forecaster School

Having graduated from the toughest then known meteorology school was a big deal and getting back to weather work at Westover Field, Massachusetts, on my first assignment as an Air Force weather forecaster was just as big — forecasting for the Berlin Airlift. But first, Marie and I, with baby daughter Leta (in photo below with 1939 Lincoln), would drive back and visit our families. New cars had not been produced in WWII. This was 1948 and they still were unavailable. I bought a used 1939 Lincoln Zephyr, a nice-looking car with 12 cylinders and we drove away from Rantoul, Illinois.



All was going well until in Peru, Indiana, the car threw a connecting rod. It was the Fourth of July weekend. No mechanic could be found so we bussed to Marie's mother's farm at Hastings, Michigan. Marie's parents, Martha and Walt, had arranged to meet us there. Walt, my WWI veteran father-in-law, drove his '40 DeSoto, taking me and his brother-in-law, Marie's Uncle John, to tow the car to Michigan. While we towed, I enjoyed talking with Uncle John. He had been a farmer all his life. His very livelihood depended upon knowing much about weather. He said he sometimes knew it was going to rain when he saw a certain cloud. He tried to describe it, but I couldn't relate his description to anything in the international classification of clouds. After a visit with relatives in Hastings, my in-laws drove us to their home in a Detroit suburb, close to my parents' home in the city itself. Dad was about to drive to the family farm in Caro, MI that he left in WWII to produce B-29 engine parts in Detroit. He was going to replace shingles on the old farmhouse. I asked to help. Just as we started to nail shingles on the steeply sloping farmhouse roof, Dad asked the obvious: "Theodore, will it rain before we finish."



We welcome fellow Santa Cruz Valley Chapter - 193 companion CWO (RET) Theodore L. "Ted" Cogut, USA to our monthly newsletter writing staff contributor team for the new year. Ted transferred his chapter membership affiliation over to our chapter from the former Catalina Mountains Chapter which operated out of east Tucson until this past June 2022 when they ceased operations. Ted was also a very active chapter newsletter article writer for the CM Chapter, contributing regularly to the "Ted's Page" monthly entry where he routinely provided very interesting and entertaining articles for that publication. With the addition and 2023 launching of Ted's Page to our monthly publication, we hope will further enhance our publication's outreach among our chapter readership and general public outreach appeal. As always, our staff welcomes every opportunity to continue to deliver our MOWW award-winning publication and most importantly your inputs and feedback.

I wanted to impress my father with what I now knew as a weather forecaster graduate, but the only data I had were the wind and, from our great vantage point up there on the roof, a spectacular view of the sky. The wind was from the southwest. Stretching to examine the southwest horizon while being careful to not raise my center of gravity to a roof-slipping point, in the far southwest, past our creek and the popple woods on the farm's back 20, I saw a narrow line of clouds with aligned turrets, the cloud formation known as *altocumulus castellatus*, literally castles in the air, which weather professionals abbreviated *acc*. Way back in weather observer school we were told *acc* was indicative of a highly unstable mid-level atmosphere. If enough heating destabilized the ground-based layer, thunderstorms were possible. So, I went out on a climb. Pointing at that spectacular cloud line I said, "Those clouds are predictors of thunderstorms that could develop this afternoon." Of course, I knew it was unprofessional to make such a statement without the vast amount of data available to forecasters that weather observers produced and transmitted to other stations in real time.



In my future, I would be more careful, but this time I just wanted to impress Dad. In mid-afternoon, thunder cracked overhead. A vigorous downpour raced us as we scrambled down a ladder to throw our tools into the trunk of Dad's '40 Ford. On the drive back to the family home in heavy rain, I wondered if the cloud Uncle John had tried to describe was *acc*, the castles in the air. And a glance at Dad told me I could detect in him an admiring and yet puzzling look. It was as if he were saying to himself: "Could that boy really be a weather forecaster?" **Note: The cloud in photo of hurricane-hunting WB-50 above is similar to but does not have *acc*'s pronounced turrets.**

AUGUST IN HISTORY

August 1

August 1, 1838 - Slavery was abolished in Jamaica. It had been introduced by Spanish settlers 300 years earlier in 1509.

August 1, 1944 - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. "[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world." Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945, at age 15.

August 1, 1944 - The Warsaw Uprising began as the Polish Home Army, numbering about 40,000 Polish patriots, began shooting at German troops in the streets. The Nazis then sent eight divisions to battle the Poles, who had hoped for, but did not receive, assistance from the Allies. Two months later, the rebellion was quashed.

Birthdays - *Star-Spangled Banner* author Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) was born in Frederick County, Maryland. After witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry on the night of September 13-14, 1814, he was enthralled to see the American flag still flying over the fort at daybreak. He then wrote the poem originally entitled *Defense of Fort McHenry* which became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

Birthdays - *Moby Dick* author Herman Melville (1819-1891) was born in New York.

August 2

August 2, 1776 - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence.

August 2, 1923 - President Warren G. Harding died suddenly in a hotel in San Francisco while on a Western speaking tour. His administration had been tainted by the Teapot Dome political scandal and his sudden death prompted many unfounded rumors. He was succeeded the next day by Calvin Coolidge.

August 2, 1939 - Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt concerning the possibility of atomic weapons. "A single bomb of this type carried by boat and exploded in a port, might very well destroy the whole port together with some of the surrounding territory." Six years later, on August 6, 1945, the first Atomic Bomb, developed by the U.S., was dropped on the Japanese port of Hiroshima.

August 2, 1990 - The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait amid claims that Kuwait threatened Iraq's economic existence by overproducing oil and driving prices down on the world market. An Iraqi military government was then installed in Kuwait which was annexed by Iraq on the claim that Kuwait was historically part of Iraq. This resulted in Desert Shield, the massive Allied military buildup, and later the 100-hour war against Iraq, Desert Storm.

August 3

August 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, *Nina*, *Pinta* and *Santa Maria*. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12th in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

Birthdays - War correspondent Ernie Pyle (1900-1945) was born in Dana, Indiana. His syndicated column offered sympathetic insights into the experiences of common soldiers during World War II. He received a Pulitzer Prize for his reports of the bombing of London in 1940 and later war reports from Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. He was killed by machine-gun fire near Okinawa in the South Pacific on April 18, 1945.

Birthdays - Gray Panthers founder Maggie Kuhn (1905-1995) was born in Buffalo, New York. After she was forced into mandatory retirement at age 65, she founded the Gray Panthers organization to fight age discrimination and succeeded in the banning of mandatory retirement in most professions.

Geo Challenge Trivia

How much would the world sea level rise if all of the ice caps worldwide, including in Antarctica and Greenland were to completely melt?

For the answer to this riddle or question go online to <http://www.geomidpoint.com/challenge.html>

MOWW CORPORATE NEWS

MEET THE NEW NATIONAL LEADERSHIP



Brigadier General Pérez was the Senior Vice Commander in Chief (VCINC) for two years and prior served a two-year tenure as one of the four VCINC's of our Order. Born in Shirley, Massachusetts on 25 February 1956. He holds a Magna Cum Laude BA in business administration from the University of Puerto Rico and a master's in science administration from Central Michigan University. Began his military carrier as a private enlisted soldier, reaching the rank of Sergeant. After four years of enlisted service, returned to civilian life and completed his bachelor's degree. Upon graduation in 1983 as a ROTC Distinguished Cadet from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, was commissioned in the Quartermaster Corps. Since, honorably served our Armed Forces for 36 years. Although retired he continued his life of service. Presently the Vice Commander in Chief for the Military Order of the World Wars. A former member of the Board of Directors of the Puerto Rico Red Cross, Vice President Board of Directors of his community, a perpetual member of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) and American Legion, the Chair of the League of United Latin American Citizen (LULAC) Veterans Charter, a proud Lion International of Caguas, Puerto Rico and an active advocate and supporter of service members and veterans of our Nation. A proud Companion, veteran, and selfless server. Married forty-five years to Francisca. Father of three sons Frances, Victor, and Cristina, and grandfather of six grandsons Julian, Emma, Sofia, Adrian, Daniel, and Noah.



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LT COL DAVID J. WORLEY, USAF (RET)

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 Membership Ad Hoc Committee Chair
 Finance Committee Member



VCINC

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REGION IV - V

National Youth Civics Summit ADHOC Committee Chair
 GAS Chapter of the Year Working Group Member

THE MOWW PREAMBLE

TO CHERISH THE MEMORIES AND ASSOCIATIONS OF THE WORLD WARS WAGED FOR HUMANITY;

TO INCULCATE AND STIMULATE LOVE OF OUR COUNTRY AND 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;

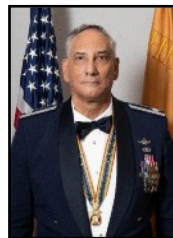
TO PROMOTE THE CULTIVATION OF MILITARY, NAVAL, AND AIR SCIENCE AND THE ADOPTION OF A CONSISTENT AND SUITABLE POLICY OF NATIONAL SECURITY FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;

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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Our Chapter needs your help and involvement today! Consider taking a more active roll in your Chapter activities by donating, sponsoring, mentoring, and volunteering your time and services today. There is a standing invitation to each and every Chapter member every month to attend local Chapter meetings, luncheons and/or event gatherings. Help your Chapter companions keep the vision and ideal of helping others alive by showing your pride, solidarity and support for what you and the MOWW stand for in your community.

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Why MOWW?

Is National Security a concern of yours? Is it important to you, for everyone living in America to understand how this Country was founded and the great history it has to tell? Do you believe that our young people need a chance to learn and experience leadership and civics? Do you feel that it is important that every citizen get a chance to not only meet, but ask questions of community, military, and business leaders? Are you concerned that the youth of America do not know how to honor our Flag or understand and respect our democratic principles? Do you agree that "Freedom is not free"?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, you are in good company, because the members of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) say YES to all of them. Some of you might even say, "I want to become involved, how do I join, how do I help?"

Well, there are several ways you can help—the main way is to join the Order, if eligible. Consider supporting the Order by contributing financially to its efforts if your are not eligible to join.

If you have questions regarding MOWW membership, or how to financially contribute to the Order, contact MOWW National Headquarters, or a Chapter in your local area. See MOWW web site for membership application form or to review Chapter locations at www.militaryorder.net



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