**COMMANDER’S REMARKS (7 SEPTEMBER 2023)**

Our summer vacation is now over with and MOWW is back in operation. We had a staff meeting today and we will have a regular face-to-face General Membership Meeting on Saturday, 21 October 2023, starting at 11:30 A.M. The meeting will be held at Las Brisas Restaurant, 6787 S. Clinton Street, Greenwood Village, CO. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Robert Mallin and he will be speaking about some of his experiences in Viet Nam during the war.

To get there (Las Brisas Restaurant), if you are coming from east of I25, drive west on Arapahoe Road to South Clinton Street (about a block before you get to I25) and take a left turn. Do not turn on Clinton Court as the next street is South Clinton Street. The restaurant is located on the east side of the Target Store parking lot. If you are coming from west of I25, drive east on Arapahoe Road until you pass under I25. The first street on the right is South Clinton Street. Turn right and you will see the restaurant on the east side of the Target Store parking lot. If you get lost, you can call me at 303-981-5519 (cell) and I will try to get you un-lost.

Coy D. Ritchie, D.M.

LCDR, USN (Ret)

Denver Chapter Commander

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**STAFF MEETING (7 SEPTEMBER 2023)**

This meeting was conducted at Frances Long’s home and was called to order by Commander Coy Ritchie at 1100 hours. Also attending were

HPM Pat Ritchie, HPM Francis Long and HPM Stephanie Ritchie. The invocation was offered by LCDR Ritchie followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes The minutes of the meeting on 8 June 2023 were approved on a motion by HPM Stephanie Ritchie and seconded by HPM Frances Long.

Treasurer’s Report The Treasurer’s Report as of 31 August 2023 was submitted by LCDR Ritchie. The month ended with a U.S. Bank fund balance of $4,140.43 and ENT Credit Union fund balance of $8,895.63. The Treasurer’s Report was approved on a motion by HPM Stephanie Ritchie and seconded by HPM Pat Ritchie.

Scouts Nothing to report

ROTC/JROTC LCDR Ritchie reported that the Chapter received a 2nd place award at the recent National Convention for the ROTC program in Category 5.

Patriotic Education LCDR Ritchie reported that the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation will conduct a fund raiser at the Flying W Ranch in Colorado Springs on 21 September. Any companion who would like to attend should contact LCDR Ritchie at 303-981-5519.

Public Safety and Law and Order Nothing new.

Region XIII and Department of the Rocky Mountains A new Region XIII Commander, CPT Michael J. Halpin, USMC (Fmr) will be installed at the next Region XIII meeting.

Membership We have one possible new member.

Hospitality Our next general membership luncheon will be held on 21 October 2023 at Las Brisas Restaurant with the social period at 11:30 and lunch at 12:00.

Program/Speaker Dr. Robert Mallin.

Old Business Nothing to report.

New Business LT Evan Totten will be moving out of state soon. LCDR Ritchie has appointed HPM Stephanie Ritchie to replace LT Totten as chair of the ROTC and Scouting Committees. She will assume the Zoom Coordinator position as well.

Next Staff Meeting Thursday, 12 October 2023, starting at 1100 hours at the home of HPM Frances Long.

Benediction

Adjournment LCDR Ritchie adjourned the meeting at 1150 hours.



**COMING EVENTS (June & Later)**

* **STAFF MEETING (12 October 2023)**
  + (Thursday), 11:00 A.M.
  + Location: Frances Long’s Home
* **MOWW NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**( August 2024)**

* + Location: Philadelphia, PA
* **MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**

**(21 October 2023)**

* + (Saturday), time 11:30 A.M.
  + Location: Las Brisas Restaurant, 6787 S. Clinton Street, Greenwood Village, CO.
  + Menu: Order from the menu.
  + Program: Dr. Bob Mallin speaking





**Bob**

THE SURGEON

CPT Robert E. Mallin, MD, USA (Fmr)

Surgeon General, MOWW

Over the years, I have tried to learn several facts related to medicine, such as … in a hospital setting, it is far better to be standing up than lying down. Giving control of your fate to someone else is not easy or natural. While I have thankfully just come through kidney cancer surgery with a possible chance of being cured, surely my worry and detailed attitude played a big part in the same way my cat helps me compose and write articles. For me, in this setting I need to be the sole player. But back in the day when one went to “the doctor”, he totally directed treatment—including hospital choice, location and length of stay. It seems a couple of weeks was the norm for even a baby delivery. My mother was sent home with a nurse for a few days, tales of southern farm workers going right back to the fields notwithstanding.

A surgeon was a “general surgeon,” responsible for everything, even telling the nurse just how to administer the anesthetic. Everyone who ever had “ether” remembers every second of it. Recovery rooms were unheard of. If your family could afford, a “special nurse” was hired to take care of you for a day or two. It may just be my memory, but when I started training in the mid 1960s, there were still no recovery rooms and often a strong whiff of alcohol around the patient room could be imagined.

The surgeon’s God-like temperament was apparent and is still a cliché today. Oh, how things have changed, and that doesn’t even count the evolution of the paperwork people, and the various levels of nurses and others who all check your medical history and keep asking for your date of birth. One certainly gets the impression all are caring and efficient. “Your” doctor who you may have seen for an initial visit, the explanation to patient and family, and detailed consent procedures, is open and friendly.

Recently, a surgeon I was seeing displayed years of “Most Compassionate Doctor in Colorado” awards on his office walls. Lab work is complete, detailed and fully discussed. All explanations—from surgical procedures to pressure stockings and the introduction of each person involved—are pleasant experiences. Everything is positive. Indeed, if it weren’t for the “kidney cancer” part, the University of Colorado Hospital would be a fun place to hang out. As a matter of fact, I may even have the first of two knee replacement procedures there “soon”.

For me, the worry and anxiety, for good or ill, ends when I am placed in the surgery “ready room” and I completely put myself in the hands of the incredible surgery department team. For me, the team gives me more confidence than the old days when all I had was the God-like aura of a single person. Please don’t try this at home … and be well. Bob

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*CPT (Dr.) Robert E. Mallin, USA (Former) is a graduate of Adelphi University and New York Medical College. He is certified with the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. In private practice from 1975-94, he was the Alaskan State Physician of the Year. While in the U.S. Army (1966-1968) he earned a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal, and a Combat Medical Badge, among other decorations.*



**PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP MEETING SPEAKER**

**(22 APR 2023)**

LT Totten shared with the Chapter Companions his experiences while being trained as a naval aviator and then his later experiences as a combat pilot flying off of several carriers during the Viet Nam war.





**THE 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 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**



**THE CINC SOLICITATION**

The Commander in Chief is appealing to you to donate generously to the CINC Solicitation by making a *donation* in support of our Order’s patriotic and educational activities. He also asks that you encourage other Companions in your chapter to do so too. Our CINC Solicitation goal helps pay for activities such as:

* Supporting chapters via essential services (e.g., YLC insurance) and merchandise (i.e., products of all types)
* Existing awards, e.g., ROTC/JROTC Awards of merit, GSUSA Gold Award, and BSA Eagle Scout Certificates
* New awards, e.g., Outreach Service Medal and BSA Sea Scout, Quartermaster and Venture Scout Certificates
* Service Academy awards and military college awards
* Medals & certificates to ROTC/JROTC cadets & BSA & GSA scouts not supported by chapters
* Promotional material and program brochures for existing and start-up chapters
* The *Officer Review* magazine, which is MOWW’s only way to communicate with all Companions
* YLC Support via additional YLC issues of the *Officer Review* that YLC Directors use for advertising & recruiting
* The MOWW website at [www.moww.org](http://www.moww.org), which the Order’s Companions use in support of every activity area
* MOWW Convention Support, including the Distinguished Service and National Commander Award programs

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