



The Greater El Paso Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars

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Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Our Order

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Congresswoman Veronica Escobar spoke at a joint MOWW and MOAA meeting in August. The Congresswoman spoke on the

Defense Appropriations Act and how the bill could affect Fort Bliss and the El Paso Community. After speaking the Ms Escobar entrained questions from the audience.

September Birthdays

Alexander Hunt. 2 September
 Larry Mladek 4 September
 Paul Manning. 5 September
 Terry Hoke. 19 September
 Edward Lopez 21 September
 Cephus Rhodes 23 September
 Terry Kelley. 24 September
 Raul Garibay. 27 September
 Sam Morgan 27 September

October Birthdays

Melvin Adams 6 October
 Monica Divis. 8 October
 Joanne Barton 15 October
 Euniece Turk. 15 October
 Ian Hernandez. 21 October
 Michael Cummings. 26 October
 Sherri Bassham. 31 October



Mr. Alex Miranda spoke at the 21 September Luncheon meeting of the Chapter as the National Preparedness Month speaker. Mr. Miranda is the Community Planner for the Office of Emergency Management for El Paso City/County. Among his duties is community outreach/training and the management of the Citizens Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

Mr. Miranda spoke on the importance of individual and family preparedness for emergencies and disaster planning. Each individual and pet needs to be prepared to shelter-in-place for at least three days. This includes food and one gallon of water per individual and pet. He also emphasized the need to be able to function without power and that the emergency kit should contain bowls, silverware and a manual can opener.

Commander's Comments

Hello to all companions. August was a busy month as we had the annual MOWW Convention in Simi Valley California attended by Paula Mitchell, her son and Laura and Jesus Beltran. We won the Homeland Security Program for large chapters, Law and Order Program for large chapters, and first runner up for National Security, large chapter. Congratulations to Paula and Buck for spearheading these programs. This has been several years in a row. Great Job!!

Our monthly August Luncheon meeting was held at Ft. Bliss, Centennial Club, in conjunction with the MOAA. Speaker for that day was Representative Veronica Escobar (D). She discussed some of the legislation that she is working on in the House of Representatives for veterans. We had quite a few members present including: David Thackston, Paula Mitchell, Pauline Ballesteros, Lud Bezemek and his wife Martha, Buck Hamilton, Maureen Lofberg, along with many of her family members, Marie Morenci, Joanne Barton and her sister Teresa, George and Helen Patt, Dave Powell, Kevin Lassiter, Olga Kalpakian, John Hamilton, Rene Rodela, and Laura and Jesus Beltran. We also had some prospective new members. Thank you David for putting all this together!

Help Needed for Veterans' Forums

We are nearing another Veterans' Day, November 11th, which will fall on a Monday this year. The two weeks prior to that day we will once again be going out to visit a dozen to twenty El Paso grade schools to talk to students about what Veterans' Day is all about: How it started - our founder General of the Armies John J. "Blackjack" Pershing was involved in the beginning; How it has evolved into the holiday we celebrate today; What it means to be a veteran; How you identify a veteran; The debt of thanks that we owe veterans.

We already have about ten schools committed and ten more looking at a date and time we can come out. The schedule should be complete in a couple of days. The schools we will visit are mostly EPISD schools in the northeast, central and west side of El Paso, but we are always open to adding additional new schools if anyone has one in mind that we do not visit now. We usually do two schools a day starting two weeks before Veterans' Day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. So that is the week of Monday October 28 through Friday November 1 and Monday November 4 through Friday November 8. All in all, we will probably speak to 3,000 to 5,000 youngsters, mostly third, fourth and fifth graders.

We are now in need of MOWW members to step up and volunteer to be the visiting presenters. We like to have two to three of our members go to each of the schools. Each presentation is about one hour long and different, depending on the people making the presentation. You can talk about your individual career and experiences and it helps to get the students involved. We get lots of questions. Please come to the next MOWW meeting on Saturday October 19 at Julio's Café Corona, 3630 Joe Battle Blvd. at 11:00 a.m. to see the schedule and sign up to visit at least one, if not several schools. The last part of each of our presentations is imparting information about our U. S. flag, because we distribute small flags to each and every student. We share with them some history and proper display and treatment of the flag and encourage them to attend the Veterans' Day Parade -this year scheduled for Saturday, November 9.

If I don't see you at our next meeting, be expecting a phone call to twist your arm to get involved and help out. You'll be glad you did and we make a big impact in the patriotic education of these young people and a few of the teachers as well. Companion David Thackson

Historical Tidbits for Sep & Oct

Defeat of the Turks outside Vienna

On 12 September 1683, Turkish forces under Kara Mustafa were defeated by Christian forces under Polish commander John Sobieski, stopping the Turkish advance into Europe. Often touted as a great Christian defeat of Muslim forces, the Turks were allied with Christian Hungarian forces and the Polish forces contained the famed Muslim Lipka Tatars and their light cavalry. The battle is also known for having the world's largest calvary charge during the battle.

USS Bonhomme Richard vrs HMS Serapis

On 23 September 1779 Captain John Paul Jones defeated British Captain Richard Pearson in the epic battle between the USS Bonhomme Richard and HMS Serapis. It was this battle where Jones responded to a call for surrender with, "I have not yet begun to fight!" Of note is that Captain Pearson was later knighted by the British Crown for his spirited defense of the naval convoy he was escorting.

Sergeant York Wins Medal of Honor

On 8 October 1918 1918, Sgt. Alvin C. York almost single-handedly killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 in the Argonne Forest in France. Of note, two of then Corporal York's fellow doughboys were also awarded Distinguished Service Crosses for their participation in the famous action.

Welcome Mesilla Valley Companions!

With the closing of the Mesilla Valley MOWW Chapter, the remaining members from the Chapter have been transferred to the Greater El Paso Chapter. While we're still counting noses, it appears that we gained about nine new Companions of which two joined with us at the September meeting. Please welcome our new Companions:

LtCol Elsa J. Baker
CW3 Jimmy V. Brown
CPT Robert F. Colvin
LTC Edward A. Farris
LTC Bradley D. Bavle
LTC Walter E. Herkenhoff
Mrs. Ingeborg Peter
Maj Kenneth Thalmann
CPT Don Williams

MOWW Scarves for Sale!!



Order Now only \$45.00

Large Soft Silky Women's Scarf (59X15) with MOWW emblem to support our organization. Order from Paula Mitchell or Laura Beltran.

Homeland Security Minute

There have been several news articles about retailers requesting that their customers not open carry weapons in their stores. Staunch 2nd Amendment activists bemoaned the travesty and demanded their 2nd Amendment rights be upheld.

This is an interesting question about whose rights — private property rights or 2nd Amendment rights — are held supreme. I think the question is philosophical rather than legal, in Texas at least. In Texas posting 30.07 signage makes it a crime to open carry on private property where the sign is posted. This may not be the case in other states.

The truth of the matter is both complicated legally and philosophically. My VMI background requires me to state “Help Received” in I am borrowing from an excellent paper

To be very brief, the ability to hold personal property takes us out of slavery and serfdom and allows us to pursue “happiness” by feeding our family, clothing our kids and having the implements to protect our lives and loved ones. It is property rights that allow us, as men and women, to be free. It is the loss of property that reduces us to wards of the lord or state.

While there are many gray and fuzzy areas, like the ability to store my weapon in my vehicle while parked on your public parking lot, or weapons in a hotel room. The hotel room becomes my temporary domicile. Open carry of weapons in a private store doesn't make much sense to me — pushing a shopping cart with a rifle hung over your shoulder would make you slow in armed response and mark you as a target. Don't try to win the battle and lose the war over the 2nd Amendment. Carry concealed and respect the owner's private property rights, because to do otherwise makes you just a petty despot running roughshod over the rights of your fellow citizens.

I used “Property Rights: The Root of Freedom” by Davis S. D'Amato published in The American Spectator on 17 November 2016 to help solidify my thoughts on this topic. It's well worth your time to read and make up your own mind.

LtCol CF “Buck” Hamilton CPP, PSP
USMC (Ret)

Ft Bliss Notice

The ID Cards/DEERS Office is moving to Building 505, Pershing Road, starting Thursday (Sept. 12). The ID Cards/DEERS office will continue to serve personnel with appointments and valid emergencies during this move. For information, call 569-6036. Appointments: <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>



Scouting News

The MOWW sponsored Scout Troop 37 is in the midst of its annual fund raiser. The Troop is selling popcorn in various sizes and flavors. If you would like to assist the Scouts in their fund raising, Please contact Chapter Commander and Troop 37 Scout Master Jesus Beltran.



Stay Current with Chapter Events at our website www.elpasomoww.org and on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/elpasomoww

Is Your Information Correct?

Currently many of our Companions have incorrect or missing information in the MOWW National Database. The Chapter has at least 10 Companions with incorrect addresses. Many have no email addresses listed and have no birthday information. Please visit the National Website: www.moww.org , sign in and fill out Form 5 to update your information. If signing in taxes your computer skills, please contact anyone of the Commander's Staff and provide them with the correct information. We will then log into the national website and submit a Form 5 on your behalf.

Up Date Your Information!!



Companions Pauline Ballesteros and David Thackson man the MOWW table at the Ft Bliss Retiree Appreciation Day events on Saturday 28 September



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Up Coming Chapter Events

Massing of the Colors at EPCC	1130	Saturday 5 October
October Staff Meeting at Golden Corral	1130	Monday 14 October
October Luncheon - Julio's at Joe Battle	1130	Saturday 19 October
Veterans' Forums	AM/PM	28 October thru 8 November
Veteran's Day Parade	830	Saturday 9 November
No November Luncheon Meeting due to Veteran's Day & Veteran Forum Activities		
December Staff Meeting at Golden Corral	1130	Monday 16 December
December "Christmas" Luncheon Meeting	1130	Saturday 21 December
No January Luncheon		
Annual Awards Preparation Meeting at Golden Corral	1130	Saturday 18 January