



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

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"Serving Youth, Community and Nation"

"The Scuttlebutt"

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Fundraising Drive

The Chapter will begin its fundraising drive in September. While the funds we receive from our Perpetual Members endowment covers a good bit of our expenses, it doesn't meet the rising costs of various programs.

Our website has a link to [Our Square Fundraiser](#) where you can donate using a credit or debit card. You can also send a check to our PO Box (listed at the bottom of each page) and if you so desire, you can focus your donation to a particular program: Scouts, JROTC, Patriotic Education or any of our committee projects. Please give us your support.

Chapter Program Year

August 20

Report from the National Convention & 80 & 90 year olds

September 17

Preparedness Month & Homeland Security

October 15

Citizen of the Year & Remembrance of Deceased Members

Massing of the Colors

November 19

Veterans' Forums & Parade Participation

December 17

Christmas Party & Social

January 28 (date change)

Past Commanders Recognition & National Security

February 18

JROTC & ROTC Recognition & ROTC Roundtable

March 18

Public Safety & Law and Order

April 15

Youth Leadership Awards, Parade Participation & Chapter History

May 20

Recognition of Scouting

June 17

Officer Elections & Installation

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I talked last time about membership, about what the chapter needs from the disengaged group who, for whatever reason, can, but are unable to, do for the chapter, and what the chapter can do for them in return. This time, I'd like to discuss recruiting.

Nationally, MOWW is faced with a dwindling membership, as older members die and are not replaced. This is true at the chapter level, as well, with 5 or more chapters closing annually. For years we've relied on "retail" recruiting to replenish our membership – one on one recruiting of friends, acquaintances and chance met individuals who meet our membership criteria. That's still a valid approach but isn't enough to fill the ranks. That being so, I'd like to explore what I call wholesale recruiting.

Wholesale recruiting, in my mind, is placing recruiters in high-traffic, "target rich" locations, preparing them with a "sales pitch" and recruiting materials, and relying on the innate curiosity of passers-by. In short, setting up a table at, for example, the PX/BX complex at our local military installations and presenting MOWW to those curious enough to stop and talk. It's also getting permission to place recruiting materials on unit bulletin boards and in other high traffic locations on the installations. Both approaches require that we have – or make - contacts on the installation and that we receive permission to post our materials and set up our table. They also require members willing to man the table and handle the initial contacts.

Who are we looking for? For the time-being, our peer group of officers and warrant officers, active, retired, reserve, guard or former. We should probably look for younger individuals, younger being a relative term, given the ages of most of our membership. Let's just stick with younger meaning younger than we are. We need to look for people willing to commit to the Order's principles and to embrace the tenets set forth in the Preamble, who have and are willing to devote time and effort to MOWW's programs. In my view, the ideal candidate would be a mid-career officer – probably an O-4 or a W-3, or somebody about to retire, who's looking to do something for his community.

Here, as last time, I'd like to have your thoughts and comments on how we should go about recruiting new members. It's clear, I think, that we can't continue to rely on retail recruiting alone, that we must also have a wholesale approach, but what that approach should be is still an open question. Think of what you'd say about MOWW to a potential member if you had only the time it takes an elevator to go between floors, to somebody in a checkout line or asking questions at a recruiting table. What "target rich" environments are out there that we might tap for possible members? Should we advertise? If so, how and where?

I look forward to hearing from you on this important topic.

Bob Melson, CPT, (Fmr) USA
Chapter Commander

Honors For June**Gold Patrick Henry**

Jesus Beltran

Firefighter of the Year

Frank Lujan

Life Saving Award

Officer Miguel Acuna EPPD

Officer Michael Carnera EPPD

Officer Joseph Shreve EPISDP

Certificate of Appreciation

LtCol Buck Hamilton CPT Paula Mitchell CPT Bob Melson

Homeless Veterans' Stand Down

Patriot member 1stSgt Robert Jeskey reported that after a several year hiatus, the County's Homeless Veterans' Stand Down would recommence on 16 September 0700 - COB at the Armed Forces Reserve Center on Montana. Vendors will set up from 12 - 15 Sept.

Volunteers are needed to assist and donations of surplus clothing and non-perishable food for support bags for each veteran.

Please mark your calendar and volunteer. Different veterans service organizations will have tables, but anyone can volunteer to help. **POC of Contact is: "Big Dog" Ruiz at 575-635-3334.**

June 25 Meeting

June's Chapter meeting was chock full of awards, recognition of bravery and installation of new officers. El Paso Police and Firefighters were recognized for their service and life saving efforts. VCINC Marlon Ruiz was present to install the elected officers CPT Bob Melson, LtCol Buck Hamilton and LTC Jesus Beltran. Wives and family of our recognized El Paso Police Officers Miquel Acuna and Officer Michael Carnera were also present.

VCINC Ruiz also spoke on the current status of changes within the national organization with the convention in Florida providing the official announcement. He also presents the Golden Patrick Henry Award to outgoing commander Jesus Beltran. For more info visit <http://www.elpasomoww.org/gallery/album/76-june-25-chapter-meeting/>

**July 16 Planning Meeting**

July's planning meeting was held at Applebee's and via Zoom with VCINC Marlon Ruiz & Regional Commander Pat Stolze participating via Zoom. The season continued development of the Chapter Action Plan (CAP). Once finalized the CAP will be published on the website and in the newsletter. The Chapter meeting schedule was proposed. The meetings are listed on the front page of the newsletter. While the dates are listed, they may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. The staff discussed ways to increase veteran membership especially with National Guard and Reserve officers. CPT David Thackston will inquire as to the best entrée into these groups. The Staff also decided to continue our fund raising efforts between Sept - Dec.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Pauline Ballesteros	3 Jul
Richard Park	13 Jul
Ventura Moreno	14 Jul
Ron Quiett	14 Jul
Ingeborg Peter	15 Jul
James Snarr II	18 Jul
Mariah Richie	20 Jul
Rafael Garcia	27 Jul

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Douglas Vogel	1 Aug
Forest Davis	5 Aug
Connie Nicholson	6 Aug
Clara Bezemek	9 Aug
Roy Gray	12 Aug
Helmut Hacker	15 Aug
Elsa Garcia	17 Aug
Gary Crofton	18 Aug
John Hamilton	21 Aug
Bob Melson	21 Aug
Lud Bezemek	24 Aug
Barbara Bevins	27 Aug
Floyd Draper	28 Aug
Angeline Hernandez	30 Aug
Isabella Moreno	30 Aug

Membership Anniversaries**July**

Peter Ingeborg	2016
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August

Don Williams	1985	James Smith	2000
Keith Dunnington	2001	Larry Spradlin	2001
Matthew Acosta	2002	David Thackston	2003
Emiliano Gorgas-Cabrera	2005	Paul Manning	2005
Edward Lopez	2006	Olga Kalpakgian	2016
Elsa Garcia			2019

Happy Anniversary

HOMELAND SECURITY MINUTE

It's been difficult for me to identify a topic for this month's minute which has not be beat to death in previous minutes. While repetition drives home the lesson, I decided to discuss the Homeland Security Committee's (me) plans for this operational year.

First, I plan to continue to have a Homeland Security topic for each chapter meeting. This 5-minute brief will hit a current topic involving homeland security. These topics are gleaned from the social media accounts of local FBI, Emergency Management, IRS or other similar social media feeds.

September is National Preparedness Month and October is National Cyber Security Month. I have asked our local FBI office to provide an agent who can speak on elderly scams and cybersecurity at our September 17 chapter meeting.

October and November will probably focus on the Veteran's Forums, Massing of the Colors and Veterans' Day. My topics will probably identify an interesting data from our nations' history which have been overlook. Expect to find these unusual dates in newsletter every other month.

December is about Christmas shopping safety and security reminders. I may discuss the perils of on-line shopping. With more and more cheap Chinese items hidden in Amazon's website, triple checking what your buying becomes more and more important.

January thru June are too far away to contemplate at the moment, so I won't. Big changes rumored for the August Convention cautions me to be prudent and not plan too far ahead.

If you have a topic you want to have addressed by me or any other of the staff, please let us know by emailing us at gep.moww@gmail.com

CF "Buck" Hamilton CPP, PSP
LtCol USMC (Ret)
Homelands Security Chair



New Chapter Staff.



VCINC Marlon Ruiz Present the Gold Patric Henry Award



New Chapter Commander

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2022 - 2023 Committee Assignments

Chair, Scouting:	LTC Jesus Beltran & CPT Paula Mitchell
Chair, Finance and Budget:	LTC Jesus Beltran
Chair, Homeland Security:	LtCol Buck Hamilton
Chair, JROTC/ROTC:	Col Ron Quiett & CPT Bob Melson
Chair, Public Safety, Law and Order:	CPT Paula Mitchell
Chair, Membership and Recruitment:	CPT David Thackston
Chair, National Security:	CPT Paula Mitchell
Chair, Patriotic Education:	CPT David Thackston
Chair, Public Relations and Publicity:	CPT Bob Melson
Chair, Veterans' Affairs:	CPT David Thackston & CPT Paula Mitchell
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Interesting Dates in US & Military History for July & August**July**

- 1 July 1963 the largest military conflict in North American history begins at Gettysburg, PA and lasts 3 days
- 13 June 1866 Congress formally proposed the 14th Amendment, the longest ever adopted
- 15 July 1870 Georgia became the last Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union
- 15 July 1942 the first supply flight from India to China over the "Hump" was flown to help China
- 31 July 1964 Ranger 7 takes the first close-up images of the moon, taking 4,308 photos before crashing

August

- 1 Aug 1498 Christopher Columbus sets foot on the American mainland at Paria Peninsula in Venezuela
- 15 Aug 1824 Freed American slaves form the country of Liberia
- 15 Aug 1895 USS Texas commissioned as the first American steel-hulled battleship (the first ship of her name)
- 19 Aug 1919 "The Marines' Hymn" was registered with the US Copyright Office
- 19 Aug 1942 19 Marines die during the commando raid on Makin atoll in the Gilbert Islands
- 31 Aug 1943 USS Harmon (DE-678) 1st Navy ship name for an African American commissioned

Up Coming Chapter Events

August Virtual Staff Meeting	1900	Tuesday 9 August
August Hybrid Chapter Luncheon/Zoom Meeting	1130	Saturday 20 August
September Virtual Staff Meeting	1900	Tuesday 6 September
Homeless Veterans' Stand Down	0700 - COB	Friday 16 September
September Hybrid Chapter Luncheon/Zoom Meeting	1130	Saturday 17 September
October Virtual Staff Meeting	1900	Tuesday 6 September



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Our mission is reflected in our 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 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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