



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

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“Serving Youth, Community and Nation”

**Celebrating the Start of the Second 100 Years of Our Order**

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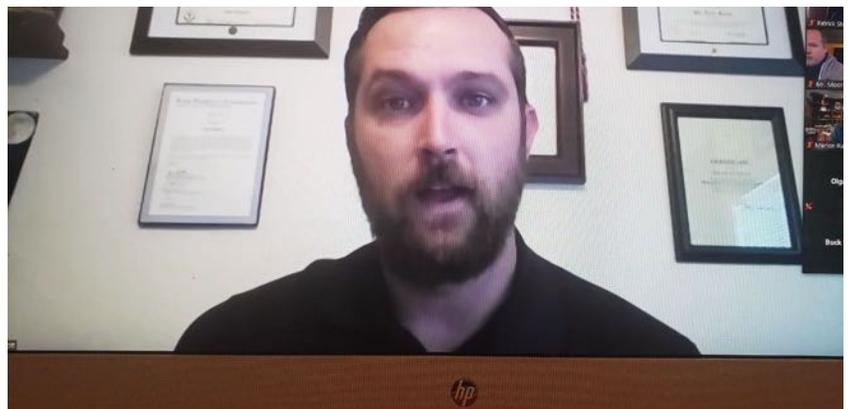
## December Chapter Meeting

The Chapter held its first in-person chapter meeting since February at Applebee’s Grill and Bar. The meeting featured Christmas Carols and the National Anthem played by Noel Iturriaga via Zoom and the swearing in of Captain Lendee Robinson as a new Perpetual Member, also via Zoom.

## January Chapter Meeting

The January meeting was held at Applebee’s on 16 January and was a hybrid meeting. The staff conducted the meeting from Applebee’s and the majority of the Companions attended via Zoom. The guest speaker, Mr Don Parrott of the Texas Veterans Commission spoke about the Commission’s different programs and tools to assist veterans transitioning to civilian careers and in filing VA claims. Mr Parrott’s PowerPoint presentation can be downloaded from the Chapters website:

<http://www.elpasomoww.org/articles.html/texas-veterans-commission-r4/>



Additional photos are posted on our website.

## January Birthdays

Emillian Gorgas-cabrea	2 Jan
James Maloney	4 Jan
Albert Mitchell	4 Jan
Charles Dorsey	6 Jan
Paula Mitchell	10 Jan
Walter Herkenhoff	16 Jan
Sean Ylinen	16 Jan
Kaitlyn Scarboro	17 Jan
Pat Abney	21 Jan
Olga Kalpakgian	21 Jan
Wayne Bassham	26 Jan
Ernest Divis	Jan

## February Birthdays

Joseph Cancellare	3 Feb
Larry Spradlin	3 Feb
James Smith	8 Feb
Ken Lucius	13 Feb
Laura Beltran	20 Feb
Matthew Holland	21 Feb
Sherman Rollins	21 Feb
Jazmin Lombrana	24 Feb
Michael Moore	25 Feb

## Commander's Comments

Hello to all companions, families and friends of the MOWW everywhere. We rejoice in knowing that our mission continues and that our health is good, despite the times we are living in. The past month we had our regular hybrid meeting along with the awarding of 11 Eagle Scout awards on 9 January. We presented Ms. Tess English, field director, for the Yucca Council, BSA, a certificate of appreciation, for being guest speaker in November 2020, and Mr. Noel Iturriaga for his violin music in December 2020 during those respective hybrid meetings.

With sad news we lost Mr. Joe Divis, who had been a member of GELP for a number of years. Our condolences and prayers go out to his wife and family. No other information as of this writing was available

In January, Mr. Don Parrot, Texas Veteran Commission, was the virtual speaker for our hybrid luncheon. He provided information on the work that they do with other organizations that support veterans. They are an advocate for and provide service to veterans in claims, employment, and quality of life. They also act as advocates for veterans to resolve their issues with the VA. They also support veteran entrepreneur programs, women veteran programs and grants for veteran assistance. Thank you, Mr. Parrot for the important information and also companion and Jr Vice LtCol Buck Hamilton for making this possible.

In February, companions, adjutant CPT Rich Moore and treasurer CPT Bob Melson, have planned a roundtable virtual session with JROTC instructors as well as cadets from different school districts. This is scheduled for Thursday 25 February from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. The subject will be resiliency. Hopefully, many of you will join us. Thanks to Bob and Rich for their planned meeting and for keeping the ROTC groups active within our program.

A big thank you to VCINC CPT Paula Mitchell who keeps us updated with the happenings at the national level. Also joining us were the Region XIII commander LTC Pat Stolze as well as the region adjutant LTC Marlon Ruiz for joining us and keeping us up to date with region news as well. We appreciate your zoom attendance.

With that, once again, a big thank you to all of our staff for doing a wonderful job in keeping the GELP chapter going. Laura, Paula, Bob, David, Rich, Buck and Kevin. Thank you for taking your jobs seriously and getting things done.

We look forward to all companions tuning in to our activities/meetings. We encourage everybody to participate in some way. Other than the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting with the ROTC, February 20<sup>th</sup> will be a virtual meeting scheduled only for planning purposes. All are encouraged to participate. Until then, stay safe!

Jesus Beltran, LTC (Ret) USAR  
Chapter Commander

## Companions Missing in Action

**The Chapter has nine companions with bad addresses. Pleas help us connect with:**

Mr. Matt Acosta	Ms Sherri Bassham
LTC Bradley Gavie	LT James Gonzalez
Mr Turner Hammack	Capt Ed Lopez
Ms Petra Ritchie	Mr Ken Rubenstein
Ms Alexandria Smith	

## Scouting News

Troop 4, awarded the Eagle Badge to 11 scouts from the troop on Saturday 9 January 2021 at the Keystone Sanctuary off Doniphan st. Scoutmaster and Chapter Commander of the Military Order of World Wars LTC (Ret) Jesus Beltran presented certificates. Assisting was Scout Executive Ty Page. The Eagle Scouts are:

Zachary Caguingin, Jorge Caraveo, Alex Carillo, Adrian Garcia, Mauricio Gonzalez, Sam Gutierrez, Hollis McGrail, Marco Melchor, Lucas Patek, Hampton Perez, and Noah Vick. Troop 4 Scoutmaster is Sam Snoddy.



The MOWW has published a 24-minute YouTube Video about our Order.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19eRPFsXHic&t=190s>

### MASSING OF THE COLORS

The Massing of the Colors has been postponed until the Spring of 2021 because of the uncertainty existing around the availability of venues and restrictions on the gathering of large groups. Check the website for latest information.

## Membership Anniversaries

### January

Jimmy Brown	1984	Rubin Dinwiddie	1998
Monica Divis	1994	Roy Gray	2003
Walter Herkenhoff	1984	Kevin Lassiter	2014
Albert Mitchell	2017	Richard Park	1984
Sherman Rollins	1996	Douglas Vogel	2003
Donald Williams	1984	Chester Young	1984

### February

Pat Abney	2004	Kathi Basham	2001
Wayne Bassham	2001	Jesus Beltran	2004
Charles Berkeley	1983	Barbara Bevins	1997
Gary Crafton	2005	Elsa Garcia	2004
Bruce Gramlich	2006	Ed Greer	2004
		David McCoy	2018

Captain Herve Leboeuf III USN (Ret) of Springfield, VA is the longest serving Companion of the Chapter. His membership began in December 1971. This year is his 50th year of service.

## Homeland Security Minute

Since about the start of the pandemic I have been writing about the need to prepare for shortages and for families to support themselves in their homes for at least a week or maybe longer. This month's HS Minute delves into the logistics of a good pantry.

One of the key factors in keeping your pantry in good health is to rotate your stock of canned goods and other items with long shelf lives. Soups are a good example. Each can of soup list an expiration date on the can – often on the bottom. This is the use before date; after that, the contents must be considered suspect for eating. In my own case, I went to the pantry and pulled out a can of tomato soup and opened up a smelly mess. The expiration date on the can was 09-15-17. It was over three years out of date.

What caused the problem? Failure to rotate the stock. When we put away our latest purchases from the store, everything went up front. This caused the newest items to be used first while the older cans languished in the back of the pantry lost and forgotten. It took me about 30 minutes to rearrange the food items so the older items are up front and the newer items go in the back. Now when I unpack the groceries, I place the newer items in back. The same goes for the frig. Watch where those open jars and cans go so you can use them up within a day or two.

Remember, take a moment to place the newest items in back. This way you won't waste food or money and your family will have the supplies they need in time of emergency.



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

### Know a Veteran that needs help?

Refer them to the Texas Veterans Commission. Check out their programs at [www.tvc.texas.gov](http://www.tvc.texas.gov). Follow the TVC on Twitter @TexasVeterans for the latest events, job fair, or webinar. You can support the work of the TVC by playing Texas Lottery Scratch Tickets: 777, Veterans Cash, Lucky No.13 and Triple 333s.

Stay Current with Chapter Events at our website [www.elpasomoww.org](http://www.elpasomoww.org) and on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/elpasomoww](http://www.facebook.com/elpasomoww)

### Significant Military Actions in January & February

Battle of Rorke's Drift 22-23 January 1879 in QuaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Battle of the Bulge ends 22 January 1945

Battle of Iwo Jima begins on 19 February 1945

Battle of Olustee on February 20, 1864 was a major battle fought by Black Union Troops

Battle of Verdun begins on 21 February 1916 and ends on 16 December 1916

Battle of Buena Vista on 23 February 1847 in northern Mexico near Monterrey

### National Defense Notes

President Joe Biden has nominated retired Army general Lloyd J. Austin III as his Secretary of Defense. As a career military officer, the 67-year-old Austin will be only the third career officer — behind Generals George C. Marshall and James Mattis to hold the position as SecDef. General Austin who retired in 2016 will require a congressional waiver in order to hold the post.

He was commissioned an Infantry second lieutenant in 1975 upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at WestPoint, New York. His early assignments included duty with: the 1st Battalion, 7th Infantry, 3d Infantry Division, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army; 2d Battalion, 508th Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion, Indianapolis, Indiana; United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry and 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light), Fort Drum, New York.

A graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point, General Austin also holds a Master's Degree in Education from Auburn University and a Master's Degree in Business Management from Webster University.

His military decorations include: Defense Distinguished Service Medal (with Three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Distinguished Service Medal (with Two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Silver Star, the Defense Superior Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with Four Oak Leaf Clusters), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (with Six Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

### Up Coming Chapter Events

January Virtual Staff Meeting	1900	Monday 11 Jan
January Hybrid Chapter Luncheon & Zoom Meeting	1200	Saturday 16 Jan
February Virtual General Planning Meeting	1200	Saturday 20 Feb
February ROTC Virtual Round Table	1630	Thursday 25 Feb
March Staff Meeting	1900	Monday 15 Mar



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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 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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