



# THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WAR

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## "THE CRUZIN' NEWS"

SANTA CRUZ VALLEY CHAPTER AZ - Chartered October 24, 1985

"IT IS NOBLER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED"

**COMMANDER**

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

**CHAPTER STAFF NOTES****ADJUTANT**

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

**COMMANDER'S REPORT:**

Greetings to everyone, as we begin easing back into our usual MOWW operational year activities. Our chapter representatives have returned from this year's national convention in Pennsylvania and have lots to share with us – so please take a moment to review this month's updates in this month's edition. Sharing some big news, historic legislation occurred in King of Prussia this year, with the formal voting in of much needed membership reform to our Order's long-standing membership policy. Most intriguing, was that the proposed top-3 senior NCO amendment was challenged by a floor change to further broaden the membership aperture to include "all veterans" which made it through the 50% election hurdle to change the proposed amendment; however, it failed to pass the 75% election threshold by only a single .5% (or one more individual "YAY" vote). Having missed being passed by the slimmest of election voting margin is most telling. Regardless, with the failure of the proposed amendment change, the initial amendment was once again reinstated and did pass the 75% election voting threshold and is now in effect throughout the Order. More details are provided in the Adjutant's report. We are off to a great start, as our chapter is currently processing four new companion chapter-sponsored regular membership applications, as of the writing of this newsletter entry.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Our current 2024-2025 operating year Chapter CHASE bank account balance, as of the end of August remains at SAVINGS - \$699.99 / CHECKING - \$588.46 USDs. The Chapter AZYL Program Fundraising Campaign US Bank account balance is \$5,059.68 USDs. The next significant account deposit will be for this coming DEC 2024, when a grant donation check deposit, from the annual Country Fair White Elephant Grant Committee non-profit organization in Green Valley, AZ will have its end-of-calendar-year grant donation distribution event. The second chapter donation possibility will be sometime in the new calendar year pending HQ MOWW approval. The Chapter is also reaching out to fellow companions in hopes of collecting some donations throughout the year and is planning a chapter fundraising event for the upcoming annual national convention for AUG 2025.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:**

As already mentioned in the Chapter Commander's comments entry, MOWW membership policy has been changed to now allow the recruitment of E7, E8, and E9 senior non-commissioned officers into our chapter ranks. There is also a concerted interest in readdressing further membership reform change to allow all veterans to our Order for next year's convention in Tucson, AZ. To help prepare and posture for this possibly anticipated action for the next convention, the senior MOWW leadership is asking all Order chapters to maximize their chapter category newly recruited companion stated thresholds (i.e., small chapters need to recruit two [2] new members each operating year, medium chapters need to recruit six [6] new members, and large chapters need to recruit twelve [12] new members – if addressing further membership reform expansion is to make it past the MOWW Constitutions and Bylaws Committee screening process during the new calendar year. Our chapter is well on our way to meeting our six new member goal by the mid-operating year point at the end of DEC 2024. All current chapter operational seasonal checklist requirements (i.e., submission of our accepted IRS 990N and installations of the new operating year chapter leadership) is completed. Our 2024-2025 OY Chapter Action Plan is currently under development and will be published in our next monthly newsletter. Please stay tuned for further chapter projects and activity calendar events planning updates.

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Jul 01<sup>st</sup> – VSO-1: JUL (5) WOW [W] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM  
 Jul 02<sup>nd</sup> – R-13: AZYL BOD Pre-Event VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM  
 Jul 08<sup>th</sup> – R-13: AZYL 2024 Event (begins), PPMR, AZ - 10AM  
 Jul 10<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: NCSC [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11:30AM  
 Jul 12<sup>th</sup> – R-13: AZYL 2024 Event (ends), PPMR, AZ - 10AM  
 Jul 16<sup>th</sup> – R-13: NC25 Event Planning MTG, DDCH, AZ - 12:30PM  
 Jul 18<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: CAC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 12PM  
 Jul 18<sup>th</sup> – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 [M] Mtg, Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM  
 Jul 20<sup>th</sup> – R-13: GELP Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM  
 Aug 05<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: NC24 King of Prussia (begins) PA - 7:30AM  
 Aug 05<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: Pre-NC24 CAC HYB Mtg., PA - 8:30AM  
 Aug 11<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: NC24 King of Prussia (ends) PA - 12PM  
 Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – VSO-1: (5) WOW [W] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM

**NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: AUG 30<sup>th</sup> (STAFF)****ZOOM  
LINK****MEETINGS:** (formats: HYB "membership" & VCC "staff")**EVENT:** QTR-1: SCV Chapter Staff ZOOM Meeting - 11AM**ATTIRE:** Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire**PROGRAM:** OY 2024 Activity Season Initial Planning Meeting**AGENDA:** "QTR-1 SCV Chapter Staff-Companion-Event Activity"

**NOTE:** "Local Chapter staff meetings are programmed on a quarterly ("QTR") every 3-month intervals on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the designated month).

**PRESS THE LINK BOX ON THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER TO GO TO THE ZOOM MEETING SESSION**Submit comments to [marlon.ruiz@earthlink.net](mailto:marlon.ruiz@earthlink.net) or call (520) 780-7107 and leave a message





## 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:



#### Army Aviation Heritage Foundation

Invites you to come and fly with us!  
Ride in the front seat of an AH-1 Cobra or a troop seat in the cabin of a UH-1 Huey!



Huey rides: \$125 (\$10 discount Veterans, \$10 discount if purchased on-line. Can't combine discounts)  
Cobra rides: \$800 (\$775 if paid on-line prior to fly day)  
Payment: Cash or Credit Card on site or pay on-line at <http://armyav.org> with credit card.

Saturday, 28 September 2024,  
7:00am - 10:00am  
Falcon Field, Terminal Building  
4800 E Falcon Dr. Mesa, AZ 85215

### 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](mailto:rstclair@scv35.org) Program Website – <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcrorico/>

02 AUG Color Guard for SCV ISD#35 SY 2024/2025, Rio Rico, AZ  
9 AUG Color Guard for Teacher of the Year ceremony, Rio Rico, AZ  
24-25 AUG Color Guard/Concessions for Benefit Basketball Game, 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](mailto:broberson@sahuarita.k12.az.us)

14 AUG Color Guard SUSD Board Meeting, Sahuarita, AZ  
17 AUG Phoenix Orienteering Club Meet, Flagstaff, AZ  
24 AUG Tucson Orienteering Club Meet, Tucson, AZ  
26 AUG Sahuarita Town Council Meeting, Sahuarita, AZ  
28 AUG Cyber Academic Brain Brawl, Sahuarita, AZ  
30 AUG Color Guard Football vs Alhambra, Sahuarita, AZ



August is National Immunization Awareness Month with the focus of keeping children up to date with their vaccines for the new school year.

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## July 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 WOW Weekly HYB	2 R-13 AZYL VCC	3	4 US Flag	5	6
7	8 WOW Weekly HYB	9	10 US Flag	11 US Flag	12	13
14	15 PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	16 VAC VCC MTG MGM CH HYB MTG	17	18 CAC VCC MTG ALOV POST 132 MTG	19	20 GELP CH HYB
21	22 WOW Weekly HYB	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Chaplain Corp Army WOW Weekly HYB	30	31			

## August 2024

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4	5 WOW Weekly HYB	6	7 CAC HYB MTG	8	9	10
11	12 WOW Weekly HYB	13	14 CODE TALKER DAY	15 ALOV POST 132 MTG	16	17 GELP CH HYB
18	19 PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	20 VAC VCC MTG MGM CH HYB MTG	21	22	23 R-13 AZYL BOD VCC	24 CS CH HYB VCC
25	26 WOW Weekly HYB	27	28	29 USMCR BIRTHDAY	30 SM-1 SCV CH VCC	31



HEALTH TOPICS

OUTBREAKS

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SEARCH

Respiratory Illnesses

Vaccines You Need as an Adult

HS Bird Flu: Current Situation

Featured Topics

Mpox Outbreak in Eastern Africa

Preventing Dengue

Orapouche

Summer Heat Safety

Taking Care of Your Eyes

Overdose Prevention

News

AUG 22

FACT SHEET: United States Response to the Clade I Mpox Outbreak in Several African Countries

AUG 16

CDC Investigation Notice: Tiny turtles, illegal to sell as pets, causing Salmonella illnesses again in young kids

AUG 13

Transcript for Vital Signs Telebriefing: Vaccines for Children Program Celebrates 30 Years of Providing Lifesaving Vaccinations to Children at No Cost

AUG 12

Vaccines for Children Program Celebrates 30 Years of Providing Lifesaving Vaccines to Children at No Cost

AUG 08

More Cases and Additional Death Reported in Listeria Outbreak Linked to Meats Sliced at Delis

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

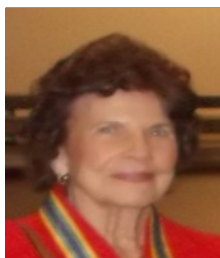
Psalm 89:1-2

"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."

The first words in the Bible are "In the beginning God created..." After that came all things on earth and in heaven. But even before all things there was love. The love of God has been with us since the beginning of time. The power of God's love should inspire us to shower love and kindness on others. In the security of God's love and grace we can freely share all the gifts and blessings we have been given.

Let us always give honor and praise to the God who loves us and shelters us under His wings.

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 (47 year)
- Frank M. Feliciano, PM (42 years)
- Adam T. Free, PM (19 years)
- Daniel R. Free, PM (19 years)
- Joel M. Greenberg, RM (6 years)
- Warren A. Grossetta, PM (47 year)
- Laird Guttersen, PM (47 year)
- Fred S. Hanna, PM (47 years)
- Ronald A. McCreery, PM (39 years)
- David I. Miller, PM (39 years)
- Billie L. Stephens, PM (21 years)
- Matthew R. Tank, PM (40 years)
- Pierce W. Timberlake, HPM (42 years)
- Michael S. West, PM (40 years)
- Carl F. Wright, PM (45 years)

### Companion Birthday Celebrations

#### July Anniversaries:

- James E. Adams Jr., RM (celebrated on the 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Myles K. Beck, PM (celebrated on the 7<sup>th</sup>)
- George W. Biggs, PM (remembered on the 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Fred J. Cone, PM (celebrated on the 20<sup>th</sup>)
- John T. Curtis, Sr., RM (celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Bobby J. Edwards, RM (celebrated on the 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Robert E. Johnson, PM (remembered on the 16<sup>th</sup>)
- Carol A. Kadous, HPM (remembered on the 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Charles R. Macon, PM (remembered on the 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Roland H. Mapes, PM (remembered on the 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Michael J. Masee, PM (celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Fay R. McCormick, PM (remembered on the 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Karl S. McKenzie, RM (celebrated on the 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Charlotte M. Post, HPM (remembered on the 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Richard L. Simpson, PM (celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Claudia M. St. Clair, PM (celebrated on the 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Juan M. Trevino, RM (celebrated on the 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Frances M. Wainwright, HPM (remembered on the 18<sup>th</sup>)

### Companion Membership Anniversaries

#### August Anniversaries:

- Dolores M. Cataldo, PM (24 years)
- Fluvio J. Cataldo, PM (32 years)
- Stephen W. Christy, HPM (29 years)
- Richard D. Clifton, PM (24 years)
- Donald D. Doran, PM (42 years)
- David Fagergren, PM (17 years)
- Erik Fagergren, PM (17 years)
- William A. Gill, PM (37 years)
- Frank G. Huston, PM (69 years)
- Robert D. Kellogg, PM (33 years)
- Eugene L. Lash, PM (40 years)
- Quentin H. Miller, PM (39 years)
- Thomas E. Ozier, PM (38 years)
- Charlotte M. Post, HPM (24 years)
- Bruce E. Rianda, PM (22 years)
- John Seatvet, PM (47 years)
- Sabrina L. Wolfe, PM (38 years)

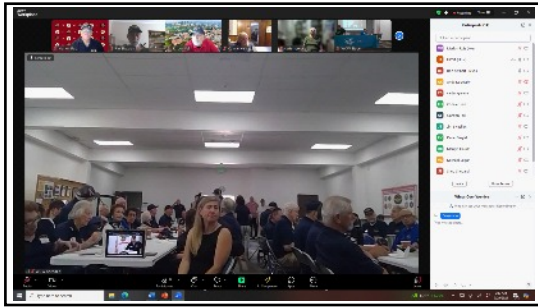
### Companion Birthday Celebrations

#### August Anniversaries:

- Frank M. Feliciano, PM (celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Clifford I. Franks, RM (celebrated on the 26<sup>th</sup>)
- James R. Frantz, RM (remembered on the 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Maxine X. Guy, PM (remembered on the 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Fred A. Kaps, PM (remembered on the 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- John S. McCain, PM (remembered on the 29<sup>th</sup>)
- Robert D. McCrary, PM (remembered on the 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Pedro Najera, PM (celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Herbert R. Oxnam, PM (remembered on the 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Harold I. Spencer, PM (remembered on the 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Robert W. Von Werne, PM (remembered on the 12<sup>th</sup>)

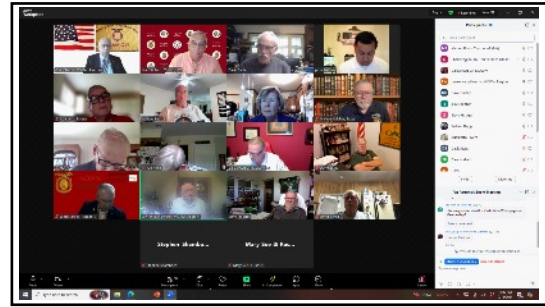


## CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



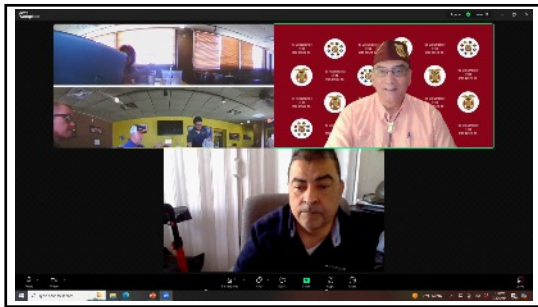
**VSO-1: WOW Weekly VCC MTG - JUL 2024**

The Wings Over Wendy's non-profit organization (MOWW VSO partners) meet weekly in southern California and is a predominantly conglomerate of veteran and supporting local community public civic groups that brings together aviation professionals, enthusiast and historians to each meeting. Their weekly online video conference call hybrid meetings help preserve military service heritage, history and their promoted legacy with younger generations which is in tune with our MOWW organizational preamble and values.



**MOWW: CAC VCC MTG - JUL 2024**

The MOWW Council of Area Commanders (CAC) is comprised of all commanders currently serving in a commander leadership position in the Order. These include all ten current operational regions, their associated Departments and every existing field operational local Chapters. The CAC serves a vital coordination and advisory role, serving the MOWW senior leadership as pivotal strategic, operational and tactical day-to-day field Chapter activities and as an equal policy review partner stakeholder of the Order.



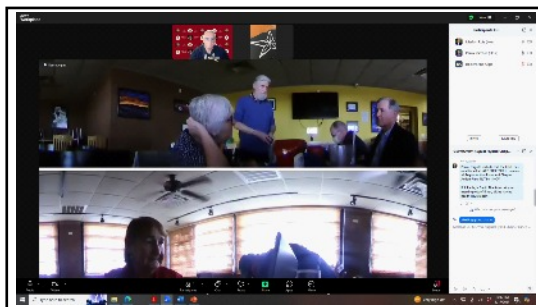
**R-13: GELP Monthly HYB MTG - JUL 2024**

The Greater El Paso (GELP) Chapter, in west Texas, while geographically located and operating in the western "panhandle" of the great state of Texas in the grand city of El Paso Texas that borders New Mexico, is an integral part of our Region XIII (R-13) geographical operations and part of our vast MOWW mission presence throughout the southwestern geographical area of the Order's community service responsibility. The GELP Chapter operates under the Department of Rio Grande within R-13 operations.



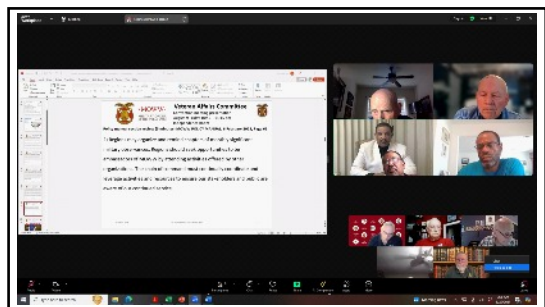
**MOWW: NC24 King of Prussia, PA - AUG 2024**

This year's annual MOWW National Convention venue was hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in King of Prussia, PA. Along with wonderful area tour packages, the weeklong event offered an opportunity for fellow companions to reunite, catch up on each other's lives and conduct historical legislative business. Among the most significant events was the voting in of amendment changes to our governing Constitution and Bylaws allowing the full-fledge membership of top-3 senior NCOs into the Order.



**R-13: GELP Monthly HYB STAFF MTG - AUG 2024**

A mere week after returning back to our local community operations from the national convention, our R-13 fellow companions were back at work conducting their first 2024-2025 OY Greater El Paso Chapter staff hybrid meeting. Chapters conducting hybrid meetings have the added advantage of inviting fellow regional chapters to sit in and participate in their chapter business planning session and discussions. Our Santa Cruz Valley Chapter tries to attend as many of these sessions as an active R-13 team.



**MOWW: VAC Monthly VCC MTG - AUG 2024**

Our Chapter also schedules time and dedicates efforts in participating in higher HQ MOWW committee meetings when available, to keep abreast of Order business sessions and developments that impact local community operations. One such national committee is the Veterans Affairs Committee which meets online via ZOOM video conference call every month throughout the calendar year. All MOWW regions are encouraged to provide a representative so productive exchanges can help enhance meeting discussions.

## MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

*High Altitude Forecasting School*

The Specialized High Altitude Forecasting school was very different. Chanute AFB's Weather Observer, Weather Equipment Teletype Technician, and Forecaster schools each had about a hundred students with little meteorological experience. This new Chanute school, in 1950, had only about ten.



*Chanute Meteorology School*

All were experienced forecasters. I was a staff sergeant and as I

recall the only enlisted man. The others were lieutenants and captains, we all enjoyed these six weeks of escaping air base flight forecasting stress. We had light tables upon which we drew the 300 millibar charts and some 500 millibar charts. The instructor, a colonel, liked having new ideas presented. In one exercise, we overlaid the current 500 millibar chart upon its 24-hour-old version. Connecting their intersections resulted in a new chart. Some of the students thought that new chart had predictive value. My reputation as a map drawer had pre-ceded my arrival, and I thought that map quite useless. Several times the instructor called for my opinion regarding other map exercises. We drew many maps, some I thought also unnecessary; but I made up a chart involving vorticity, a point in the

atmosphere having a tendency for spin. I believed vorticity might be spotted on a routine chart even before a low pressure cell showed, taking that point forward in time to yet a newer map. The instructor thought it interesting and asked me to explain it to the class. They looked dumbfounded. Privately, I agreed it was crazy. This was a time before computers, no good radar, no satellites. I was just trying a somewhat science-based idea in the hope it might assist forecasters. Our class had one student who could make a joke out of



*Ted at Oscoda AFB 1951*

anything. He was a reserve captain and a weathercaster on an Oklahoma City TV channel. I didn't know if that was his real name or his TV persona. Wally coined the term "spaghetti charts," referring to the myriad maps we drew including my vorticity-idea chart. We enjoyed his jokes and respected his experience. He had been in a German POW camp, playing a horn to keep German guards from hearing others dig an escape tunnel. Wally could have inspired this movie that came out 13 years after our high altitude school: *The Great Escape*. **TLC**



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.

## 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.

**Birthday** - *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.

**Birthday** - *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.

**Birthday** - 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.

**Birthday** - 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

The legendary city of Timbuktu was renowned for centuries for its remoteness and great wealth--the roofs of the city were supposed to be made of gold. Does Timbuktu really exist or is it just a myth?

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



FEATURED MOWW REPORT

# MEET THE NEW NATIONAL LEADERSHIP



Lieutenant Colonel David J. Worley served as Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, while also serving on the National Strategic Planning Committee and the Membership Ad Hoc Committee, as well as a credentialed teacher on the National Patriotic Education Committee. His 27 years in the Air Force, which began in 1975 included eight years as an enlisted FAA certified Air Traffic Controller, and after attending Officer Training School in 1983 serving as a rated Air Battle Manager. Upon his military retirement, Lt Col Worley then spent over fourteen years instructing the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Crescenta Valley High School in La Crescenta, California before retiring in 2017. Lt Col Worley holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from Troy State University. Lt Col Worley is the Assistant Director for Operations at the Thousand Oaks Youth Leadership Conference (TOYLC), has been on the TOYLC staff for over 10 years, and developed the TOYLC's current curriculum. As the 93rd Commander-in-Chief of the Order, he pledges his commitment to carry-on with the five-year revitalization plan that PCINC Okin initiated in 2021 and has continued under the thoughtful leadership of CINC Perez. Our 2023-2025 Strategic Plan provides a roadmap for continuing our revitalization efforts, a roadmap that

Region and Chapters alike have implemented with enthusiasm and vigor. I want our Order to continue these vital efforts, efforts that are rooted in the Order's Preamble which defines our Order's core values: it is through the Preamble that the Order will continue to thrive and see our community outreach efforts grow in leaps and bounds. For over 100 years this order has a rich tradition of service to youth, our community, and our nation: I would be honored if you would allow me to lead and support your efforts, all for an organization that we all truly love.



## SVCINC

LT COL MARLON RUIZ, USAF (RET)

### REGION XIII - XIV

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## 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.***

## MOWW MEMBERSHIP

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*Promoting and Encouraging  
Good Citizenship,  
Patriotic Education,  
Military and Public Service,  
National Security, and  
Youth Programs*



## 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 you 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](http://www.militaryorder.net)*



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