

COMMANDER

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES

ADJUTANT

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Happy New Year 2024 to everyone. Hopefully you all had an enjoyable and restful Holiday Season. It saddens me to relay that during Christmas our MOWW family lost fellow companion Richard Nelson of the Phoenix Chapter. For those who may not be aware, Rich was the husband of our very own chapter companion and Chaplain Gloria-Jean Nelson. Please keep the Nelson family in your prayers. As we slowly wake from our "long winter's nap" it is time once again to pick up where we left off with our monthly community support activities and scheduled events. As is the case every year, our chapter begins each new calendar year by co-hosting the Sahuarita annual Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance (MOC), in collaboration with the township of Sahuarita Unified School District, and the Sahuarita HS Navy JROTC program. As of the publishing of this newsletter edition, the 39th Annual Sahuarita MOC event would have already been entered into the regional historical archives. This year's event was also covered by the local Sahuarita Sun Newspaper who wrote up a wonderful published online article on the event titled "MOWW Massing of the Colors - JROTC Cadets Find Meaning, Growth in Program." Please go to the following link to view and read the article. https://www.gvnews.com/news/local/jrote-cadets-find-meaning-growth-in-program/article_735b81e8-b17c-11e1-9297-23bd77ae5f83.html?utm_medium=internal&utm_source=readerShare&utm_campaign=ShareButton

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Happy New Year to everyone. As of JAN 2024, the Chapter account balances are as follows; Chapter CHASE BUSINESS Account - Checking - \$1,038.84 USDs and Savings - \$1,330.89 USDs after all event and inventory supply purchases and replenishments has been factored in and reconciled for the second half of the current 2023-2024 OY. The Chapter US BANK AZYLC FUND Account is still showing a balance of \$5,059.48 USDs with no donations having been received to date. Based upon last year's \$7,137.00 USD AZYLC 2023 expense, the current fund account will be short by \$2,077.52 USDs - requiring further chapter fundraising efforts, if we are to sponsor 12 or more student delegates for the AZYLC 2024 registration window which begins in late March or early April of this year.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Happy New Year 2024! Hoping all had a great Christmas and New Year's celebration. With the second of two of our co-hosted Massing of the Colors event behind us, we have now pivoted to focus on the upcoming R-13 Fall Conference, which has been scheduled for Friday, the 19th of January beginning at 6PM in the evening. It will only be hosted via ZOOM and the LOGIN information will be sent to all R-13 commanders and staff. All fellow companions are invited to also sit in, if interested. The R-13 Fall Conference provides a mid-operating year leadership report opportunity to see how we and all our fellow regional fellow chapter operations are faring thus far this OY. Accordingly, our chapter will brief our current operational status and successes and/or setbacks, as they correlate to our current Chapter Action Plan goals for this year. For those who wish to view our prepared statistical data report, please feel free to contact me directly for a copy. Everyone can read a condensed version of what will be reported at the conference in this edition of the newsletter on the "MOWW Featured Program" section on page 9 in the online version and page 7 on the USPS mailing version, where we provide a updated "mid-year snapshot review of our Chapter Action Plan performance midway into the current activity season, as it correlates directly to each of the published strategic goals in the new 2023-2028 MOWW STRATPLAN publication. On the heels of the R-13 Fall Conference, our next chapter regular membership meeting is scheduled for the first Saturday of February (3 FEB @ 12 noon) at our usual Casa Del Rio Mexican Restaurant location in east Tucson. For those wishing to participate using the hybrid online link option, please refer to the meeting information block in the lower right corner of this newsletter cover page. To access the LINK, just place your computer mouse pointer over the yellow block labeled "ZOOM LINK" and right CLICK your mouse button (the day of the scheduled meeting). Until next month, we appreciate your continued support.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

- Dec 01st - R-13: QTR-2 VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 7PM
- Dec 02nd - VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Dec 02nd - RM-2: SCV Chapter HYB Mtg., Tucson, AZ - 12PM
- Dec 04th - VSO-1: DEC (4) WOW HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10:30AM
- Dec 06th - MOWW: IPC VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 2PM
- Dec 07th - PE-4: PHX Chapter MOC-2, Tempe, AZ - 7AM
- Dec 11th - MOWW: EXCOM VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 12PM
- Dec 13th - MOWW: NCSC VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Dec 13th - VSO-3: TVAC VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- Dec 14th - MOWW: SPC VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 12PM
- Dec 14th - MOWW: MAHC VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
- Dec 19th - MOWW: VAC VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- Dec 21st - VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 Mtg, Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: FEB 3rd (RM-HYB) ZOOM LINK

MEETINGS: (VCC "staff" format) & (HYB "membership" format)
EVENT: RM-3: SCV Chapter Membership Meeting - 12PM
ATTIRE: Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire
PROGRAM: OY 2023 Activity Season Membership Meeting
AGENDA: "RM-3 SCV Chapter AZYLC 2024 Fundraising"

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

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 Submit comments to marlon.ruiz@earthlink.net or call (520) 780-7107 and leave a message

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Register to Watch
CISRSNET will examine the ways AI has already been implemented throughout the DoD, the challenges that the DoD is facing, and more.

Air



France buys 42 Rafale jets for more than \$5.5 billion
The purchase comes as French lawmakers express concerns about the Franco-German project to develop a successor to the fighter.



RAF Systems to build new M777 howitzer structures for US Army
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Land



Kilz eyes commercial software to coordinate US Army firepower
The AFATDS program has been used by troops for years to coordinate mortars, guided missiles, close air support and more.

US Army carves out its role in space
Artis debates vehicle active protection that lacks threats from above

RAF Systems to build new M777 howitzer structures for US Army
Marine amphibious combat vehicle variants will arrive

Pentagon

Pentagon's industrial strategy describes the problem, not the solution
The new strategy contains useful words about the problem. Those words must be quickly put into measurable and funded actions.



Pentagon's first industrial strategy calls for 'generational' change
The National Defense Industrial Strategy describes itself as a 'call to action' to help America keep pace with competitors like China and Russia



Investors form alliance to bolster AUKUS military partnership
The group brings together existing private capital networks in the three countries with a goal of increasing investment in national security innovation.

Lawmakers launch investigation into Austin's health secrecy
The House Armed Services Committee will look into how senior leaders mishandled the defense secretary's hospitalization earlier this month.



US-China defense talks resume as two sides meet in Washington
Military officials from both countries met for two days, restarting a communications channel lapsed since 2022.

Naval



Frigate program delayed as shipyard in a few hundred workweeks short
Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania team up to clear Black Sea mines
Navy accepting Landing Ship Medium proposals for FY25 contract award



From drones to sonobuoys, AUKUS partners betting on AI
The Vulcan launch and engine development should be considered a success story for U.S. industrial policy.



Rocket Lab to build military satellites for Space Development Agency
United Launch Alliance's Vulcan rocket files debut mission
Space Force close to adopting strategy for commercial acquisitions

VIDEOS



U.S. and British militaries strike Houthi targets in Yemen
With air strikes and missiles launched from around the region, the U.S. and U.K. struck back at Iran-backed rebels targeting commercial shipping in the Red Sea.

National Security

http://www.govexec.com/defense/

Government Executive
Overnight: House subpoenas VA over sexual harassment allegations
Management: GAO: Make SCIFs more accessible for employees with disabilities
Management: House holds initial proceeding in GOP effort to impeach DHS secretary
Pay & Benefits: VA to adjust disability compensation to prevent overpayments
Management: VA to surprising things about the 'deep state'
Monitor Content: Exploring Government Tactics for Data Utilization

NEWS MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT DEFENSE TECH PAY & BENEFITS WORKFORCE INSIGHTS LEADERSHIP VOICES



More than \$1 billion in high-tech military aid sent to Ukraine incorrectly tracked, watchdog finds

Poor interagency coordination and a lack of U.S. staff on the ground meant advanced weaponry was not accurately monitored in Defense Department databases.



House Democrat from Pennsylvania calls for defense secretary to step down
ASHLEY MURRAY, STATES NEWSROOM | JANUARY 10, 2024



DOD's AI adoption efforts are starting to pay off, Pentagon official says
EDWARD GRAHAM | JANUARY 10, 2024



Political holds hurt military readiness
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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:



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 Program Website – <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcriorico/>

12 JAN MOWW Massing of Colors Event, Sahuarita, 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

- 03 JAN Greasewood Park Orienteering, Tucson, AZ
- 12 JAN MOWW Massing of Colors Event, Sahuarita, AZ
- 20 JAN Dysart Raider Meet, Dysart, AZ
- 21 JAN Area 21 Orienteering Championship, Irwindale, CA
- 28 JAN Case Reserve Orienteering, Tucson, AZ

JANUARY 2024 IS LIVING MENTALLY HEALTHY MONTH



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December 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31 New Year's Eve					1 MOWW SURVEY R-13 QTR-2 VCC	2 RM-2 SCV HYB UAV VCC MTG
3	4 WOW Weekly HYB	5	6 IPC VCC	7 PHX MOC-2 CFWE EVENT	8	9 Pearl Harbor Day Observation
10 PHX Christmas Event	11 EXCOM VCC WOW Weekly HYB	12	13 NSC VCC TVAC VCC	14 SPC VCC MAHC VCC	15	16 MOAA: CMC MTG GELP: HYB
17	18 PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	19 VAC VCC MGM CH HYB	20	21 Winter Solstice ALOV POST 132	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day WOW Weekly HYB	26	27	28	29	30

January 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5 THREE KINGS DAY	6 UAV VCC MTG
7	8 WOW Weekly HYB	9	10 NSC VCC TVAC VCC	11 MAHC VCC	12 SCV CH MOC-2	13
14	15 MLK, JR. DAY PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	16 VAC VCC MTG MGM CH HYB	17 CAC VCC	18 SPC VCC MAHC VCC ALOV POST 132	19 R-13 FALL CONFERENCE	20 GELP CH MOC CMC MTG
21	22 WOW Weekly HYB	23	24 IPC VCC	25	26	27
28	29 WOW Weekly HYB	30 SAVAHCS VCC	31			



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Respiratory Illness
 There are actions you can take to protect yourself and others from flu, COVID-19, and RSV.
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FEATURED

- COVID-19**
What you need to know about COVID-19.
- RSV Prevention**
Learn about the symptoms and treatment of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).
- Know Your Flu Risk**
People with chronic conditions are at higher risk for serious complications from flu.
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Stay safe and healthy in winter by planning ahead.

CDC IN ACTION

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CDC supports HBCUs and public health collaboration.
- Training & Education**
Locate quality trainings and continuing education.
- SDOH**
CDC's work addressing social determinants of health (SDOH).
- STEM at CDC**
Science, technology, engineering, & math disciplines.

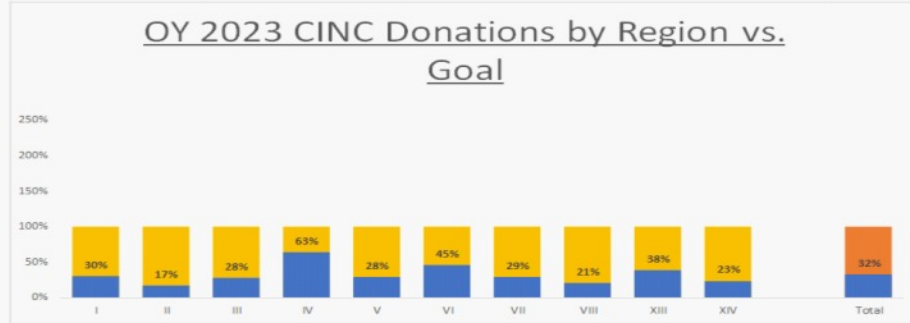
<https://www.cdc.gov/>

MOWW FEATURED PROGRAM



MOWW CINC Solicitation OY 2023

(19 Dec 2023)



	Data by Region										Total
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	XIII	XIV	Total
Goal (\$):	5,381	7,145	6,569	11,758	9,574	9,906	6,656	16,894	10,185	15,933	100,000
Donated (\$):	1,600	1,225	1,810	7,420	2,715	4,500	1,910	3,475	3,877	3,740	32,272

Please note: Regional Goals & Totals do not include At Large Donations



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Please donate to this year's annual fund-raising drive, the Operating Year 2023 MOWW CINC Solicitation. We need your financial support to advance our vision of a "Strong America, dedicated to preserving and advancing American Ideals and Founding Principles."

Your donations are crucial to the Order's success and directly support the following initiatives and activities:

- Medals, certificates, for ROTC/JROTC cadets & midshipmen, and BSA & GSUSA scouts, where ROTC, JROTC, BSA, and GSUSA organizations are not supported by chapters.
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- Promotional material and program brochures for existing and start-up chapters.
- Publication and distribution of the *Officer Review*® magazine.
- MOWW Convention Support; Distinguished Service Award, National Commander Medal, Gold Patrick Henry Medals; all other MOWW Awards; PCINC support, and more.

The continued success and growth of the Order requires that Companions, like you, step forward to support the fulfillment of our collective vision and further our outreach to our youth and the nation.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our Order.

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BG VICTOR S. PEREZ, USA (Retired)
Commander-in-Chief & Chief Executive Officer, MOWW, Inc.®



COMPANION CORNER**Companion Membership Anniversaries****December Anniversaries:**

- Robert A. Anderson, PM (26 years)
- Ira W. Austin, PM (36 years)
- Franklin Barrett, PM (43 years)
- Thomas P. Bent, HPM (41 years)
- Hamilton R. Caitlin, RM (42 years)
- Christine M. Cataldo, HPM (25 years)
- William L. Cataldo, HPM (26 years)
- Clifford I. Franks, RM (4 years)
- Russell M. Heller, PM (45 years)
- C. E. Kerwin, PM (44 years)
- Vernon A. Langberg, PM (48 years)
- Gregory T. Largen, RM (7 years)
- Lori A. Largen, RM (7 years)
- Albert Leibovitz, PM (7 years)
- William M. McMahon, PM (38 years)
- Robert R. Meier, PM (19 years)
- William H. Montgomery, PM (38 years)
- Connaught O'Sullivan, PM (45 years)
- Elizabeth J. Oxnam, PM (14 years)
- Henry C. Perkins, HPM (55 years)
- Gilbert Procter, PM (44 years)
- Helen I. Rostonowski, PM (45 years)
- Kimberly A. Santo, HPM (33 years)
- Carl C. Sheets, PM (41 years)
- Donald W. Shepperd, PM (27 years)
- Irene M. Stockder, PM (44 years)
- Rose V. Straley, PM (45 years)
- Francisco J. Trejo, RM (4 years)
- John M. Truedell, PM (64 years)
- Madeline M. Ullom, PM (45 years)
- Lu Helen Van Antwerp, HPM (33 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations**December Birthdays:**

- Agnes E. Ballard, PM (remembered on the 25th)
- Louis A. Chaboya, PM (celebrated on the 14th)
- Robert M. Easton, HPM (celebrated on the 19th)
- Manuel F. Gatica, PM (celebrated on the 2nd)
- Scott C. Kadous, HPM (celebrated on the 11th)
- Scott P. Kellen, PM (celebrated on the 17th)
- Katerine G. Knez-Phillips, HPM (remembered on the 16th)
- Andrew P. Meshel, PM (celebrated on the 4th)
- Robert R. Meier, PM (remembered on the 7th)
- Norman W. Richmond, PM (remembered on the 21st)
- Herman D. Schiller, PM (celebrated on the 16th)
- Charles A. Ulery, PM (remembered on the 12th)

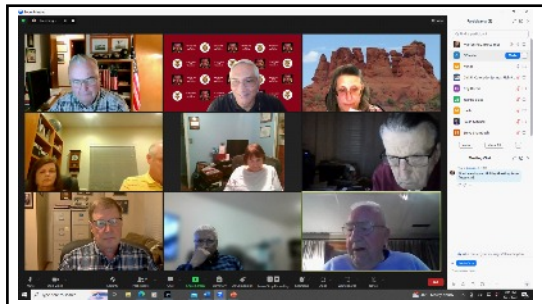
Companion Membership Anniversaries**January Anniversaries:**

- Arnold V. Anderson, PM (37 years)
- Dolores R. Bahti, HPM (21 years)
- Leo J. Boice, PM (39 years)
- Shannon D. Brown, PM (45 years)
- Robert W. Dalrymple, PM (48 years)
- Jacquelyn R.W. Egan, HPM (11 years)
- Charles E. Galloway, PM (21 years)
- Ralph D. Gibson, PM (46 years)
- Maurice J. Halper, PM (44 years)
- Anthony L. Kadous, HPM (37 years)
- Calvin J. Kadous, PM (36 years)
- Scott C. Kadous, HPM (37 years)
- Thomas C. Kadous, PM (37 years)
- Walter B. Kadous, HPM (37 years)
- Alton L. McCormick, III, PM (32 years)
- John F. Newall, PM (45 years)
- Vern T. Pall, PM (30 years)
- Simran Patil, PM (3 years)
- Dale V. Pederson, PM (43 years)
- Marcus A. Peel, PM (41 years)
- D'Anne L. Pientka, HPM (24 years)
- Donald R. Schessler, PM (28 years)
- Herman D. Schiller, PM (35 years)
- Irving D. Schneider, PM (38 years)
- K. W. Schnoewether, PM (58 years)
- Ronnie D. St. Clair, PM (7 years)
- William F. Stevens, PM (35 years)
- David L. Swartz, PM (36 years)
- Patrick G. Timberlake, HPM (37 years)
- George H. Walters, PM (39 years)
- Henry L. Woodson, PM (37 years)
- Jorge E. Zequeira, PM (7 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations**January Birthdays:**

- Barbara J. Cataldo, HPM (celebrated on the 11th)
- Theodore L. Cogut, PM (celebrated on the 3rd)
- Thomas J. Faires, PM (remembered on the 24th)
- Anthony L. Kadous, HPM (celebrated on the 15th)
- Thomas C. Kadous, PM (celebrated on the 15th)
- Alton L. McCormick, III, PM (celebrated on the 17th)
- Gloria J. Nelson, HPM (celebrated on the 18th)
- Bradley W. Roberson, RM (celebrated on the 4th)
- Anthony G. Sarah, HPM (celebrated on the 24th)
- Matthew R. Tank, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Kit K. Workman, RM (celebrated on the 27th)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



R-13: QTR-2 STAFF VCC MTG - DEC 2023

Our chapter participated in the second 2023-2024 OY quarterly commanders and staff online video conference call meeting in December. Quarterly staff meetings are conducted once every three months throughout the OY on the fourth Saturday of the designated month, unless rescheduled due to a meeting calendar conflict. The quarterly online meeting sessions are about an hour long and are used by the regional commander and his staff to relay timely operational updates and to compile and respond to serviced chapter support issues.



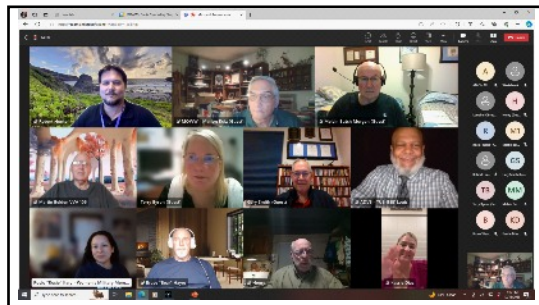
RM-2: SCV Chapter HYB MTG - DEC 2023

Our chapter hosted its second hybrid regular membership chapter meeting on the first Saturday of December, which also served as the annual Holiday Christmas Party activity venue, before adjourning for the calendar year. All chapter regular membership meetings offer both the traditional personal social gathering locale format coupled with a live online streaming feed to allow any fellow companions unable to participate in person at the restaurant location to join in the meeting business and festive portions of the hybrid meeting.



PC-2: PHX Chapter MOC-2 Event - DEC 2023

Our chapter continues to actively provide activity and event participation support to as many fellow R-13 fellow chapters as our annual OY calendar will allow. To that end, our chapter traveled to central Arizona, Tempe to attend the Phoenix Chapter second OY Massing of the Colors event - formerly referenced as known as the East Valley Massing of the Colors event previously hosted by the COL Stephens - Apache Trail Chapter. The event is supported by over 10 JROTC units and more than 12 area Unified School Districts.



VSO-3: Tucson VAC VCC MTG - DEC 2023

Our chapter is also an active member of the City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Council (TVAC), in collaboration with the Mayor's office. The TVAC meets each month via online ZOOM video conference call to discuss and brief the latest veteran community related activities, upcoming events, southern Arizona VA Healthcare service updates and any associated local government veteran community-related legislative coordination issues. There are over 15 veteran service organizations and service providers represented.



PC-3: Wreaths Across America - DEC 2023

Our chapter participates in many annual special veteran community activities and events. Wreaths Across America is one of those that we strive to support and actively provide participating support services. Our chapter supports this national program by helping lay wreaths at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery grounds in Marana, Arizona. The great outpouring support from the local community helped this past year a banner year, having provided 100% wreaths for every single headstone and columbine portal in the cemetery.



VSO-5: ALOV POST 132 MTG - DEC 2023

As is a very common veteran community theme throughout southern Arizona, our chapter not only supports fellow veteran service organization activities and scheduled events but also has individuals who are members of these various organizations, which helps dovetail and enrich the dovetailing of several collaborative and joint community activities. Because many veteran service organizations share individual memberships, natural and lasting partnerships develop. Our association with the American Legion is one.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

The Airlift's Great Accomplishments

At Westover Field near the end of 1948, with the Airlift proving a success I waited for the transfer to Selfridge that I had requested of 8th Weather Squadron's station chief MSgt. Karl Abrahamson (later CWO). I had been employing perseverance learned as a boy on a Great Depression farm to now help draw, often erase, and then redraw 500 millibar contours, thereby putting them, as I believed, in their most scientifically logical map positions; and from them predict flight-level winds. Resulting forecast-wind accuracy was appreciated by Base Weather's staff as the two examples following seem to show. Several evenings, Sgt. Abrahamson picked me up at the barracks to take me in his 1938 Packard to his home where his wife and two small boys sat waiting at a lace-tableclothed table under a Chrystal chandelier. (A huge contrast with the mess hall!). At the end of a fine meal, during which I tasted fine wine for the first time, Sgt. Abrahamson would take me back to barracks. Young enlisted men at that time couldn't afford cars and to see me drop out of Abrahamson's Packard made an impression. On some Sunday mornings as I finished a map, Major Fava, the detachment commander, suggested we walk to chapel for Sunday services. (In 1948, an enlisted man and officer rarely, if ever, associated off duty.) I found the airlift's assessment seventy years later in a book by Richard Reeves titled *Daring Young Men*. He wrote: "The total number of flights into Berlin was recorded (by the US Air Force) as 277,569 — 189,963 by the Americans,

and 87,606 aircraft chartered by the British government." The tonnage figures: "2 325,809 tons, 1,783,573 by the (US) Air Force and 542,236 tons by



the Royal Air Forces of Britain, Australia and New Zealand." They used various aircraft including the C-47 they called *the Dakota*. The C-47 brought in big loads, but the larger capacity of the C-54 made it the prominent carrier. The C-74, with even larger capacity, was used to bring bulky items across the Atlantic. We were giving the soviet dictator Stalin a big Cold War loss. That dictator had murdered, by many accounts, a million Ukrainians in the 1930s through forced starvation.



Now, in December 1948, my transfer to Selfridge suddenly could easily happen because 8th Weather was renamed (providential?) as 12th Weather. The 12th was the very squadron Selfridge's Base Weather itself was in. 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.

JANUARY IN HISTORY

January 1

New Year's Day - The most celebrated holiday around the world.

January 1, 1502 - Portuguese explorers landed at Guanabara Bay on the coast of South America and named it Rio de Janeiro (River of January). Rio de Janeiro is currently Brazil's second largest city.

January 1, 1660 - Samuel Pepys began his famous diary in which he chronicled life in London including the Great Plague of 1664-65 and the Great Fire of 1666.

January 1, 1776 - During the [American Revolution](#), George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

January 1, 1801 - Ireland was added to Great Britain by an Act of Union thus creating the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

January 1, 1863 - The [Emancipation Proclamation](#) by President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.

January 1, 1877 - Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India.

January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

January 1, 1901 - The Commonwealth of Australia was founded as six former British colonies became six states with Edmund Barton as the first prime minister.

January 1, 1915 - During [World War I](#), the British Battleship *Formidable* was hit by a torpedo in the English Channel, killing 547 crewmen.

January 1, 1942 - Twenty six countries signed the *Declaration of the United Nations*, in Washington, D.C., reaffirming their opposition to the Axis powers and confirming that no single nation would make a separate peace.

January 1, 1958 - The EEC (European Economic Community) known as the Common Market was formed by Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and The Netherlands in order to remove trade barriers and coordinate trade policies.

January 1, 1959 - Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba after leading a revolution that drove out Dictator Fulgencio Batista. Castro then established a Communist dictatorship.

January 1, 1973 - Britain, Ireland and Denmark became members of the Common Market (EEC).

January 1, 1975 - During the Watergate scandal, former top aides to President Nixon including former Attorney General John Mitchell, Domestic Affairs Advisor John Ehrlichman and Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman, were found guilty of obstruction of justice.

January 1, 1979 - China and the U.S. established diplomatic relations, 30 years after the foundation of the People's Republic.

January 1, 1993 - Czechoslovakia broke into separate Czech and Slovak republics.

January 1, 1999 - Eleven European nations began using a new single European currency, the Euro, for electronic financial and business transactions. Participating countries included; Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

Birthday - American Patriot Paul Revere (1735-1818) was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Best known for his ride on the night of April 18, 1775, warning Americans of British plans to raid Lexington and Concord.

Birthday - Betsy Ross (1752-1836) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was a seamstress credited with helping to originate and [sew the Stars and Stripes](#) flag of America in 1776.

January 2

January 2, 1905 - The Russians surrendered to the Japanese after the Battle of Port Arthur during the Russian-Japanese War. A peace conference was later held in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, with President Theodore Roosevelt serving as a mediator. In September of 1905, the Russians agreed to the Treaty of Portsmouth yielding Port Arthur and the Liaodong Peninsula to Japan. Russia also agreed to evacuate Manchuria and recognize Japan's interests in Korea.

January 2, 1942 - During [World War II in the Pacific](#), the Japanese captured the Philippines capital of Manila and the nearby air base at Cavite.

January 2, 1960 - In Washington, D.C., Senator John F. Kennedy announced his intention to seek the Democratic presidential nomination.

January 3

January 3, 1777 - During the [American Revolution](#), General George Washington defeated the British at Princeton and drove them back toward New Brunswick. Washington then established winter quarters at Morristown, New Jersey. During the long harsh winter, Washington's army shrank to about a thousand men as enlistments expired and deserters fled.

January 3, 1924 - British Egyptologist Howard Carter found the sarcophagus of Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor after several years of searching.

January 3, 1946 - An Englishman known during World War II as "Lord Haw Haw" (William Joyce) was hanged for treason in London. Joyce had broadcast Nazi propaganda via radio from Germany to Britain during the war.

January 3, 1959 - Alaska was admitted as the 49th U.S. state with a land mass almost one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states together.

Geo Challenge Trivia

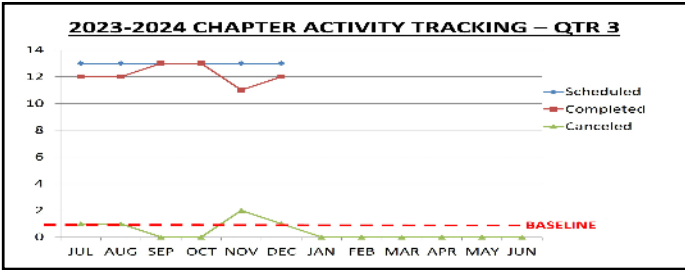
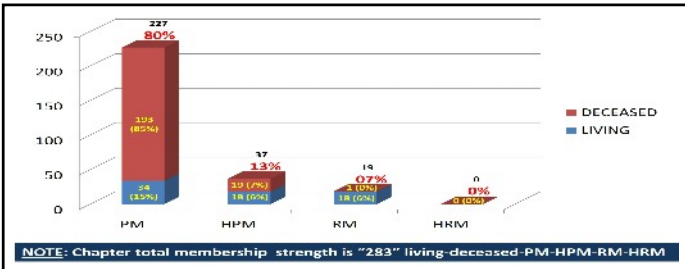
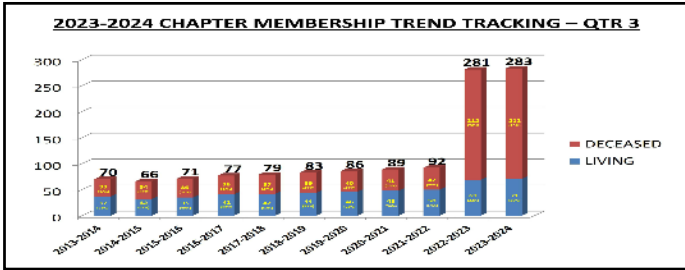
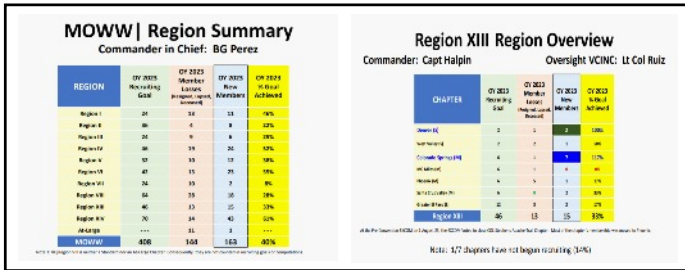
What major city lies halfway between Richmond, Virginia and Tampa, Florida?

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

MOWW FEATURED PROGRAM

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SG-1: Consistently develop and deliver attractive, and high-impact community outreach programs and activities. Our Chapter continues to successfully adapt and integrate MOWW programs and activities to attract veterans who will donate their time, talents, and efforts towards improving the well-being of our Youth, Community, and Nation-centric collaborative projects, scheduled VSO community hosted activities, and scheduled MOWW signature events. Thus far this OY our Chapter has hosted two Massing of the Colors, supported three other fellow chapter such events, and tracked the increase in fellow veteran outreach involvement in our major collaborative meeting forums and scheduled events. Examples include our chapter attending and actively joining local VSO programmed planning meetings, renewal of the local City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Mayor's Council, and supporting as many fellow VSO meetings and scheduled events as our activity calendar will allow. This Chapter continued effort has already yielded two newly recruited Chapter fellow companions and identified several additional leads for follow-up during the remainder of this OY.

SG-2: Expand our impact through alliances and strategic partnerships with organizations that align with our mission. Our Chapter continues to local VSO community alliances and partnerships and also in identifying new potential leads with both local, state and national like-minded veteran and civic organizations. The continued development and implement of already tested community engagement processes are pivotal for identifying and vetting potential alliances and strategic partners for continued refinement. Our Chapter Recognition Program emphasizes identifying and acknowledging some of our more involved collaborative partnerships such as the local Warrant Officers Association, Knights of Columbus, local township Mayor's office staff, and contributing Unified School District leadership - ensuring our annual Massing of the Colors event a success each year.

SG-3: Increase visibility of the Order at the national and local community levels through focused communication, marketing strategies, and local community engagement. While our Chapter Marketing and Publicity Program is still growing, our Chapter has managed maximizing those legacy programs already in place - to help promote the Order during major signature events and activities and laying the foundational groundwork from which to implement a more comprehensive national MOWW Communication and Marketing Strategy premise that includes use of technologically based platforms and mediums, as we continue to make our organization brand presence where we continuously service local community end-users. An example of such efforts is laying the groundwork for MOWW brand projection through our annual Chapter Awards Support Program services in nearby Utah - where no MOWW Chapter operations exists.

SG-4: Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership. Our Chapter has not only successfully met (or exceeded) its stated annual recruitment goals in recent years but also established a functional recruitment pipeline, where new leads and prospects are constantly identified and pursued. The key to continued companion motivation, influence, and engaged Companions, to proactively attract new Companions, to the Order and their Chapter, is to constantly improve the single fellow companion personal experience - one that does not criticize varying degrees of volunteerism, as we will always be most grateful for any companion contribution regardless of how little it may seem. A key example of how we ensure this process is always applying the D² approach where we acknowledge that fellow companions will either contribute as "Doers" or "Donators." Both have a significant roll in our Chapter operational mission.

SG-5: Increase revenues ensuring adequate financial resources to fulfill the Order's mission. Understanding years ago that our Chapter needed to seek and identify its own autonomous "stand-alone" fundraising methodology, our Chapter partnered with the local Green Valley, AZ Country Fair White Elephant non-profit which provides adequate portioned funding during the OY. Having a stand-alone funding source came in most handy through the years, as the more traditional MOWW P&M Dividend payout began to decrease.

SG-6: Increase the number of chapters and strengthen existing chapters. While our Chapter has continued to methodically grow each OY, our most notable success lies with our ability to continuously expand our expeditionary MOWW services which has enriched our regional outreach and MOWW branding presence through our HUB & SPOKE operational services model.



We thank fellow SCV Chapter companion and current Adjutant Officer Lt Col (RET) Marlon Ruiz, USAF for compiling and presenting our Mid-Year Chapter Activity Plan Update Report - which offers a timely administrative and operational management summary of how we are doing "thus far" halfway through our current 2022-2023 chapter activity season. Fellow companion Ruiz is currently serving his second term as an MOWW Vice Commander-in-Chief for the Order (with oversight responsibilities for the entire southwest geographical Region XIII and the mid-western geographical Region II area of responsibility) and previously served as our chapter commander for 12 years and we are thankful to have him continue to serve our local chapter as our current Adjutant and senior MOWW leadership advisor. Lt Col Ruiz is also serving as our Region XIII committee representative in the national Veterans Affairs Committee, along with his other MOWW higher headquarters corporate responsibilities and commitments.

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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 your 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



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