



**JULY 2022
NEWSLETTER**

The Military Order of the World Wars ~ Phoenix Pacesetter Chapter

WHAT'S NEW: Commander's Time



Greetings Companions, Families, and Friends of the Order:

This is another very important month as we transition in to the beginning of the new Operating Year for MOWW: 1 JUL 2022 through 30 JUN 2023. We had a great turnout for our hybrid 4th QTR Phoenix Chapter MOWW Meeting on 25 JUN 2022 at the American Legion Post 44 in Scottsdale. Thanks to the 12 Companions who attended the meeting, with 11 taking part face-to-face, and Mike Halpin's sister, Mary Jo, attending via Zoom. We were somewhat disappointed that only one of our members participated via Zoom! In our next OY, I plan for our Chapter to continue meeting in this hybrid format, and urge you to please take advantage of using Zoom to attend our meetings if you cannot attend in person.

In addition to myself (CDR) and Staff (Sr Vice, Jeanne Blaes/Jr Vice, Mike Halpin), we were happy to have Ray and Angie Boucher and Susan Farrell in attendance. Debbie was there for the Girl Scout program, and two of our 5 new recruits: Jim Moye and Neil Irwin, were present. Additionally, we were happy to welcome Joe Harris and his wife Gayle into our Chapter as Perpetual Members transfers from the (now closed) Catalina Mountains Chapter. As previously mentioned, one of our newest recruits, Mary Jo Halpin, lives in Santa Fe and was able to join us via Zoom. The Loving twins, Natasha and Jackie, the final two of our newest Companions, were out of town, visiting new locations for employment as recent graduates of UofA. We look forward to seeing them in SEP, when we plan to hold an induction ceremony for our new members.

During the meeting, we received a Chapter Programs update, which included a financial report from our Acting Treasurer (Dick). Although we had tried to get a speaker from the CBP-Case Grande office to talk to us in person about the Southwest border situation, we were unable to do so. Instead, we watched a MAY 2022 YouTube briefing provided by Homeland Security Secretary, Alejandro Mayorkas, regarding the government's readiness and response to the Southwest border. The conference captured on video was called for as the CDC's Title 42 authority expired for border immigration enforcement on 23 May 2022. To read more about the border and immigration control, plus view the video, go to page 4 of this publication. Also, during our meeting, Sr Vice Jeanne Blaes was presented with an MOWW National Citation for Exceptional Service (see photo).



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As you may recall, it was announced in our JUN 2022 Newsletter that AZYLC 2022 would not be able to be held, so we are now beginning to plan for AZYLC 2023. Unfortunately, we have not conducted a YLC since 2019, so we have built up some reserve cash in our Chapter Bank accounts. Our overall Operating Funds are \$10,985.88, and Savings of \$6,618.37. We also continue to receive our PM Dividends. It is my hope that for AZYLC 2023, our Chapter would have the funds to sponsor at least 15 to 20 delegates to attend. The estimated potential cost per delegate is now at \$500 plus for each or \$7,500 for 15, and up to \$10,000 for all 20. We also have some Chapter funds set aside in the AZYL, Inc treasury amounting to \$5,748. However, the problems that we now face are to identify a venue

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and contract housing, dining, and work space so that AZYLC can be conducted sometime next JUN or JUL. Another hurdle will be to establish COVID pandemic vaccine protocol and identify students who can meet the criteria in order to attend.

Since 1990, I have had the honor of working with Jeff Schrade, the AZYLC Outgoing Director, on the planning and coordination actions for the annual AZYLC program. Even though Jeff was able to coordinate space with ASU West, and action most of the contracts to hold a AZYLC 2022, ultimately his efforts could not overcome the lingering issues caused by the pandemic. Our two biggest hurdles were the recruiting of support staff/youth leaders, and staff, leaders, and delegate COVID vaccine protocols. Prior to his stepping down from his position, Jeff recruited and endorsed his replacement, Cliff Garnett, a retired HS Superintendent representing the West Valley Chapter. Cliff will assume the position of AZYLC Director this summer and begin planning for AZYLC 2023. Please search through your contacts, friends and families and identify students that will be HS Sophomore or Juniors this upcoming school year (2022-2023), who would want to attend AZYLC 2023. We need help with recruiting delegates from Phoenix Union HS and our other sources in Scouting, home schooled networks, Naval Sea Cadets, Elks, etc. Since we are now fully aware how an unforeseen/unplanned national health emergency can impact our youth and the communities they live in, we will also be exploring and developing alternative plans for each AZ Chapter to hold individual local YLS's. Please visit our website at www.azylc.org to learn of any AZYLC updates, or call me (Dick) if you would like to know more about or help with the YLC/YLS Patriotic Education Program.

As last OY drew to a close (JUN 2022), we completed and submitted to National, our Chapter End of Year Awards forms, in addition to award nominations for our members and those that assist us. Our Medium Size Chapter award submissions included those for: Patriotic Education, ROTC/JROTC, Scouting, Newsletter (ICP), and the overall Chapter Award for Medium size Chapter.

Remember, you can always see how we do in competition with our peers at the MOWW Awards Ceremony in person, if you hurry and register for the National MOWW Convention being held Jacksonville, FL from 2-7 AUG 2022. Regrettably, the late registration cost per Companion activated after 1 JUL 22. As you know, Debbie and I are planning to attend the Conference and would appreciate your letting us know if you are also going. This is an opportunity to not only visit the lovely costal state of FL, but to also meet with other Companions, enjoy their camaraderie, and learn more about MOWW Chapters and Best Practices from around our great nation. More Convention information can be found at the moww.org [CONVENTION 2022 webpage](#) or on page 3 of this Newsletter. Also, on the website, you can read up on the Proposed Constitution Amendments that will be discussed and voted on at the Convention. At our last Region XIII meeting, Pat Stolz, CDR AZ Region, suggested that AZ be considered for hosting the National Convention in 2026. I'm sure that we will learn more about that after this upcoming Convention.

We have scheduled our 1st QTR Chapter meeting to be held as a hybrid gathering at the American Legion Post 44 in Scottsdale on 24 SEP 2022. Thanks to Joe Harris, our agenda/program will include a representative of the Union Pacific Railroad-Phoenix Security team, Special Agent Patrick Hinsburg, who has agreed to speak to us about how National Security plays a part in ensuring policing and safe modes of transportation for people and goods.

As always, my Staff and I wish you the best in this new OY 2022-2023, and hope you can find time to participate with us and find at least 5 more new members to help us on committees and join us at our meetings. Enjoy your summer and we look forward to planning/executing our 11 SEP 2022 MOC at the Elks. Please contact Dick if you would like to volunteer to be on our MOC planning committee or help with this event. Hope to seeing you in SEP, if not before!!

CDR Dick Minor





Gift a MEMBERSHIP!

*Recruiting viable and active membership for our Phoenix Chapter continues to be a primary goal for our 2023 OY. You can help by recruiting from your friends and families, plus give someone a **Gift of Membership**. Remember, when talking to potential members, make sure that you are*

able to tell them about the benefits that they will receive as members and let them know of the outreach programs that we are involved in. Also, be aware of the following:

TO JOIN. Potential members can complete a Membership Application or go to <http://www.moww.org/> and click on the "BECOME A MEMBER" tab at the top left of the screen. Just fill in the form ... and, remember, on the HQ MOWW Form 1, "MOWW Membership Application," dated 23 Sept 2021, new members can use a **credit card** to pay!

Membership Categories:

- ★ Regular (Annual) Membership @ \$40.00/year
- ★ Regular Perpetual Membership @ 1 x \$350.00 or 4 x \$87.50 quarterly installments
- ★ Veteran Regular (Annual) Membership @ \$40.00/year
- ★ Memorial Perpetual @ 1x \$200.00
- ★ Hereditary (Annual) Membership @ \$40.00/year



SAVE THE DATE!

2-7 AUGUST 2022 MOWW NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2022 MOWW National Convention will be held in Jacksonville, FL from 2-7 AUG 2022 at the Southbank Hotel/Marriot Delta on the Jacksonville Riverwalk, Jacksonville, FL.

On 2 AUG the Northeast Florida Cadre Chapter & Region VI will sponsor a 2022 Convention Golf Tournament at the Hidden Hills Golf Club located at 3901 Monument Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32212. For more information and to register for the Tournament please see the Flyer at the following [LINK](#). A Welcome Buffet will be held on 3 AUG.

More Convention 2022 information has been published on the back cover of the JAN/FEB Officer Review or go to the moww.org [CONVENTION 2022](#) webpage to get the latest in what's happening.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW! Will you make a time commitment & volunteer to help our Chapter fill the many vacancies that we have in our Staff & Chair positions? Many of the following positions have been vacant for over a year! **Please, won't you help?**

* **CHAPLAIN** We are looking for someone who is supportive & serving, a person who is able to motivate & initiate meaningful use of each individual's beliefs & attitudes; current or former civilian cleric or military Chaplain or a lay representative **(this is a critical staff position)**

* **TREASURER** A dedicated member who will keep our Chapter's books **(this is a critical staff position)**

* **STAFF JAG** Do you know of a current or former civil or military Attorney; someone with a background in legal affairs? **(this is a critical staff position)**

* **HISTORIAN** Our Historian will capture the history of the Chapter in publications, photos, documents, etc.

* **COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS, NATIONAL SECURITY, HOMELAND SECURITY, and LAW & ORDER

Homeland Security: MAY 2022 DHS SW Border Press Conference/Briefing



On 17 May 2022, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas spoke about the government's readiness and response to the southwest border, which was held in Rio Grande Valley, TX. This press conference was called for as Title 42 authority expired on 23 May 23, 2022. Go to the following [LINK](#) to view the entire recorded briefing, which includes a Q&A session.

What is Title 42? Section 265 of U.S. Code Title 42 permits the Director of the CDC to "prohibit ... the introduction' into the United States of individuals when the director believes that "there is serious danger of the introduction of [a communicable] disease into the United States." The HHS regulation allows any customs officers - which includes officers of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) such as Border Patrol agents - to implement any such order issued by the CDC. On April 1, 2022, the CDC officially announced they would rescind the Title 42 authority granted by their organization due to the COVID pandemic. However in order to allow for the implementation of a vaccine program to get migrants vaccinated at the border, the policy was not scheduled to officially end until May 23, 2022.

What this means is, that as of the 23rd of May, DHS will no longer process families and single adults for expulsion pursuant to Title 42. Instead, DHS will revert to processing them for removal under Title 8 U.S. Code § 1325. Under Title 8, those who attempt to enter the U.S. without authorization, and who are unable to establish a legal basis to remain in the U.S. (such as a valid asylum claim), are subject to additional long-term consequences beyond removal from the United States, including bars to future immigration benefits. DHS is implementing a comprehensive strategy to address a potential increase in the number of border encounters. You can find a those strategies listed at the following [DHS LINK](#).

+_MEDIC's BAG_+ Pawsitively Powerful: 7 Ways Therapy and Service Dogs Help Veterans



Animals assist humans in a myriad of ways, all worthy of the title of "Man's Best Friend." They also offer a variety of therapeutic benefits for many people in different occupations and stages of life.

Veterans, those who protect the majestic American flag and serve the citizens of our country, are one group of people who benefit from the help of therapy-trained and service dogs.

Trained therapy dogs have been proven to have significant and long-lasting benefits for veterans who are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) resulting from their service in the armed forces. However, even veterans who do not suffer from PTSD can benefit from the companionship service dogs provide.

These are the top seven ways that veterans benefit from working with canine therapy and service animals.

1. Emotional Healing and Wellness. Therapy dogs can provide emotional benefits to veterans. Having a dog can help suppress unwanted symptoms of PTSD, such as hypervigilance, agitation, and restlessness. It can also help decrease emotional numbness, through the development of bonding relationships. Dogs can also be an excellent source of emotional support and, thereby, decrease symptoms of anxiety. The small joys that come with dog ownership can help veterans connect with feelings of positivity, happiness, and inner peace. Plus, it encourages positive social interaction with others.

Think of a happy, smiling puppy bounding up to the door to greet you after a long day at work or school followed by a grueling commute. Dogs give veterans something to look forward to in life - a worthy companion who will be loyal and unwaveringly faithful through rough times as well as good ones.

2. Positive Redirection. One of the primary roles of therapy dogs for veterans is to provide a distraction from negative feelings that can suddenly arise, such as stimuli that cause anxiety or hypervigilance in veterans with PTSD. PTSD therapy dogs are trained to perceive when their owners are experiencing these sorts of negative feelings and distract them through redirection. Commonly, this happens through the dog cueing the owner to pet them. Other dogs may just sit when they perceive their owner is escalating, causing the

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owner to become aware of this and use coping strategies and techniques to deal with their emotions, such as reorientation, deep breathing and grounding activities. Dogs also provide affirmation of reality for veterans with PTSD, reminding the owners to their surroundings and acting as a reminder they are not in real danger.

3. Reducing Isolation. Many combat veterans report a high degree of isolation and feeling very alone when they return home. They may also feel misunderstood, as few people at home can grasp what they have experienced. Having a dog encourages social activity, integration or reintegration into society. Even chatting with other dog walkers or pet parents at the dog park can be an essential source of social activity and normalcy for an isolated veteran. Having a dog is almost an instant conversation starter with people across ages, races, and gender differences. Very few people can resist the charms of dogs and their adorable antics.

4. Relieving Symptoms of Depression. It is an unfortunate fact that veterans are significantly more likely to suffer from depression than the general population. Dogs can relieve these symptoms in several ways. They are an instant source of comfort, and they help ground veterans in their present situation. Many veterans report that owning a dog gives them a sense of responsibility, in the best way possible. This aspect of dog ownership helps combat the boredom and apathy that can so commonly accompany depression. After all, owning a dog means you need to leave the house multiple times a day, every day, which has other positive health effects as well.

5. Unconditional Love and Acceptance. Many veterans report being able to bond with their dogs in a way they are unable to with other humans, especially in the early months when they return from service. As one veteran noted, he appreciated that he did not have to explain himself to the dog or talk about his emotions. His therapy dog seemed like it instinctively knew how he was feeling and helped provide comfort and a feeling of safety when needed.

6. Improve Happiness and Overall Well-Being. There has been a demonstrated link between having a dog as a pet and the release of oxytocin in the brain. When you pat your dog, play with them, or even just talk to them as you go about your daily life, this essential neurochemical is released in your brain, causing feelings of peace, joy, happiness, and contentment. Having more oxytocin released on a regular basis can improve your wellness, self-perception, and overall moods, which has a strong impact on quality of life.

7. Exercise and Health. It is no surprise to dog owners that sharing a home with a canine companion has a positive effect on mental and physical health, resulting in a feeling of well-being. Though fitness is rarely a problem for most veterans, sometimes it can be challenging to make the time to get some form of exercise every day. Dogs require exercise daily - ideally, at least one half-hour walk once or twice a day. Getting out of the house and walking around the neighborhood is good for all of us, but it's especially helpful for veterans who often suffer from isolation.

Increasingly, the positive role that specially trained therapy and service dogs improve the mental health and quality of life of combat veterans is becoming recognized by both the military and medical communities. As service dog programs for veterans expand, their excellent outcomes become more well-known, and more people can access their valuable services. This year, do your part to support programs that pair canine companions with veterans. They make a lasting impact on both people and the rescue dogs that serve them.

This article was written by Jennifer Grant, a devoted military wife, mother of two, and American History buff and can be found at <https://www.disabilitynetwork.org/blog/pawsitively-powerful-7-ways-therapy-and-service-dogs-help-veterans/>

Editor's Note: A recent study has identified that the use of service dogs may be a solution to reducing veteran suicide rates. If you are looking for a local service dog support organization to donate to or work with, consider the two following tax-deductible/non-profits:

Dogs for Vets 3249 S. Lindsay Road, Gilbert, AZ 85297; Phone 480.802.9339; web page <https://dogs4vets.org/>. This training center is a "Safe Haven" for disabled veterans to come and train their own dogs to be service dogs.

Soldiers Best Friend 14505 N 75th Ave, Peoria, AZ 85381; Phone 623.218.6486, web page <https://soldiersbestfriend.org/> Provides U.S. military veterans living with combat-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) with Service or Therapeutic Companion Dogs, most of which are rescued from local shelters. The veteran and dog train together to build a trusting relationship that saves two lives at once and inspires countless others.



CHAPLAINS CORNER: A FATHER'S WARNING

"My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them."

PROVERBS 1:10

For centuries, parents have warned their children not to fall in with the wrong crowd. They worry that the bad behaviors of other young people will influence their children. This can even be true later in our lives; the people we choose to spend our time with can have a profound influence on us.

In this passage, a father talks to his son about the dangers of following "sinful" men (v. 10). One commentator compares these sinful men to a modern-day gang. The gang offers protection and invites the young newcomer to join them (v. 10). They promise that if he goes along with their evil schemes to hurt and steal, he will get rich (vv. 11–14).

The father's warning is clear. "My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them" (v. 10). The father sees beyond the immediate lure of their promises. Nothing that this sinful group does will prosper. In fact, they will bring harm down on themselves and on his son. "Such are the paths of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the life of those who get it" (v. 19).

This passage can be interpreted not only as a relationship between a father and son, but as God speaking to His people. In Proverbs, the covenant relationship is explored using poetic language. Here, Solomon paints a vivid picture of the dangers of murder, theft, and covetousness, clearly referencing God's commands given to His people: "You shall not murder" (Ex. 20:13), "You shall not steal" (Ex. 20:15), and "You shall not covet" (Ex. 20:17). With compelling imagery, the author shows the dire results of breaking God's commands. We must listen to the guidance given by our heavenly Father. He truly knows best.

It is easy to let other voices talk us into doing things we know are not right, things that break God's commands. We may justify our behavior because it produces pleasing short-term results. The warning is clear: be careful of the company you keep!

PRAYER: Lord, sometimes we have the wisdom to recognize what is right, but we lack the nerve to follow through. Today we ask for the discipline to choose wisdom above personal gain or man's good opinion.

Extracted from the 4 JUL 2022 Daily Devotional written by Dr. Russell Meeks who teaches Old Testament & hermeneutics at the Moody Theological Seminary. This writing can be found at <https://www.todayintheword.org/issues/2022/wisdom-from-above/daily-devotional/a-fathers-warning/>

My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them.

- Proverbs 1:10 -



AZ LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The AZ State 55th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session convened on Monday, 10 JAN 2022; and adjourned Sine Die on Saturday, 25 JUN 2022.

Upcoming / Active AZ Bills can be found at: <https://legiscan.com/AZ>. The AZ Legislative calendar can be viewed at <https://www.azleg.gov/>. ADVS Military and Veterans Legislative updates for the 2022 session can be found at <https://dvs.az.gov/legislative-updates>

Jennifer Harris, Legislative Liaison for AZDVS, provided the following State Veterans/Military Legislation update for the 55th Arizona Legislature, Second Regular Session, upon it's close:

◆The Arizona State Legislature adjourned Sine Die on 25 JUN 2022 around 12:30AM. The General Effective date for all bills not containing an enactment clause is 24 SEP 2022.

◆To read all of the Legislative Updates go to the ADVS website (see LINK above). An End of Session Wrap-up, Special Edition, will be published which contains the last of the veterans/military related bills that were being tracked this Session, and remained in process. Some made it to the finish-line, and some didn't.



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**"It is nobler
 to serve
 than to be
 served"**



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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.

**OY 2022-23 Chapter Meeting
 Schedule & Important Dates:**

- ◆ Summer Break
- ◆ 11 SEP 2022 ~ Chapter MOC, Phoenix Elks Lodge 335
- ◆ 24 SEP 2022 ~ Chapter Meeting, American Legion Post 44, Scottsdale/hybrid; Program Pacific Union RR Security
- ◆ 2023 ~ AZYLC 2023, ASU West, Glendale, AZ

**Happy
 Birthday
 July
 Babies!**



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