



## Colorado Springs Chapter 151 Newsletter

### COMMANDER'S CORNER (6 Nov 22)

November brings colder weather, Daylight Savings Time (Fall back) and less daylight! However, our Colorado Springs Chapter continues to shine brightly! We just concluded a very successful meeting featuring the JROTC program at Mitchell High School on Thursday, 27th of October. Thanks to Col Joey Hinson and the exceptional cadets who spoke at the meeting! Special thanks also to Kerm Neal, the Senior Vice Commander, who presided over the meeting while I was out of town. We also now have MOWW polo shirts for sale and sold several at the meeting. You can wear these MOWW shirts at all MOWW events, including our monthly meetings.

November includes a couple of traditional holidays. While we are not officially involved in any Veteran's Day observances, you are encouraged to support Veteran's Day activities in your area. I am thankful for all of you who have served in the military or are family members of those who have or are serving in the military. Of course, Thanksgiving will be observed on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> of November. Hoping you will have the opportunity to gather with family and/or friends to give thanks for the blessings we enjoy in America.

Our next MOWW Meeting will be held on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 1130-1330. Please save that date if you want to attend the last meeting of the year before we take a break for the holidays. Our guest speaker is Lt Gen (USAF, Ret) Chris Miller. Bio is included in the Next Chapter Meeting section. Note that we are conducting MOWW meetings as Saturday luncheons from now until April for safer travel in winter weather and avoiding travel in the dark.

Also, we remember December 7<sup>th</sup> as the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Please take time that day to remember the sacrifices of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice on that Day of Infamy.

Our Chapter continues to grow, and we appreciate your efforts to bring new companions to our Order. If you have any suggestions for how MOWW can better serve you and fulfill our mission, please let me or our Staff know.

STEPHEN SHAMBACH, Col, USA (Ret)  
Chapter Commander

*It is nobler to serve than to be served*

### STAFF MEETING (20 Oct 22)

This was a hybrid (in-person and virtual) meeting conducted at Hill House. The meeting was called to order at 1731 hours by Chapter Commander Stephen Shambach. Also attending were Col Kerm Neal, Lt Col Ulysses Swift, LTC Mike Berendt and Lt Col Rich Peters. Attending by Zoom was Col Rich Rima. Invocation was given by Col Shambach followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by LTC Berendt.

Minutes The Sept 19 meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Lt Col Peters and seconded by Col Neal with all attendees voting "aye."

Financials LTC Berendt submitted the Treasurer's Report as of 2 Oct 22. The month ended with an Integrity Bank checking account balance of \$3,043.64.

Certificate of Deposit:	\$12,297.88
Savings Account Balance:	\$101.14
Checking Account Balance:	\$3,043.64
Total Chapter Asset Balance:	\$15,442.66

#### November Companion Birthdays

COL Michael Boatner—1 Nov; LTC John Russell—5 Nov; MAJ Roosevelt Hines—17 Nov; Col Richard Rima—21 Nov

#### December Companion Birthdays

Mr. Dennis Runningen—9 Dec; Ms. Lisa Wieland—12 Dec; CW4 Robert Meier—17 Dec; BG Anthony Trifiletti—22 Dec; Col Kerm Neal—23 Dec; Lt Col Arch Layman—23 Dec; MAJ Raymond Schmahl—28 Dec; LTC Warren Wieland—31 Dec

#### Committee Updates

Scouts Col Neal working on reactivating Chapter relationship with Flight of Eagles club at USAFA. Club is comprised of USAFA cadets who achieved Eagle Scout.

ROTC and JROTC See general membership meeting for JROTC presentation.

Patriotic Education We have offered three students from the 2022 Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference to submit essays to compete in the National MOWW Phoenician Essay competition. The top 3 national winners will receive monetary awards.

#### Membership and Recruiting

83 Chapter members with 70 residing in Colorado.

## UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (3 Dec 22)

Next general membership meeting scheduled for Saturday December 3rd, 1130-1400, Patty Jewett Golf Course.

Program/Speaker A presentation by Christopher Miller, Lt Gen, USAF (Ret). Chris Miller last served on active duty as the Air Force's deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs, leading the Air Force's multi-billion, five-year program formulation and longer-range planning efforts. In his current work at the Air Force Academy's Center for Character &



*Christopher Miller (Lt Gen, USAF, Ret) ASU Chair for the Study of the Profession of Arms*

Leadership Development, he is the inaugural Arizona State University Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Chair for the Study of the Profession of Arms. In this capacity, he is exploring the impact of increasingly complex missions and newly contested domains on the nature and cohesion of the military profession, its boundaries and its relationship with civil society.

Over nearly 33 years as an active Airman, he also led planning, policy, and strategy for U.S. Northern Command & NORAD (responsible for homeland defense, civil support, and security cooperation with Mexico and Canada); served as the senior USAF commander on the ground in Afghanistan; commanded the nation's only B-2 bomber wing; directed personnel assignments for 340,000 officer and enlisted Airmen; was defense policy adviser to the U.S. ambassador to NATO, a military fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and an analyst and planner at Headquarters US Air Force. He commanded flying units at squadron, group and wing levels and has over 3300 flying hours in T-38, B-1, B-2 and other military and civilian aircraft.

General Miller was a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and of the College of Naval Command and Staff and holds an M.Phil. in International Relations from Oxford University. He is President of the North American chapter of the International Society for Military Ethics, immediate past President of the Air Force Historical Foundation, a director of the Academy Research and Development

Institute, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. From 2018 to 2021, he served as the Presidentially-appointed Chair of the US Section, Permanent Joint Board on Defense, US-Canada.

Old Business Recruiting new members is critical to sustaining the Chapter. Please consider recruiting one member for the Chapter.

- Please contact anyone on Staff if you have any suggestions for future guest speakers at future general membership meetings in January to June 2023.
- Staff officers conducting extensive Chapter Bylaw review for approval. The last bylaw review was conducted in 1991 and the bylaws require significant updates. Bylaw review will also include updating Chapter job descriptions.
- No membership meeting in November. Please enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.
- Chapter Polo Shirts are available for purchase or order.

New Business We are soliciting from membership volunteers for the following vacant Chapter Staff positions (please go to MOWW website for job descriptions if you are interested in these positions). These are non-elected positions.

- Historian (Priority Position Steve would like filled)
- Public Relations (Priority Position Steve would like filled)
- Marshall
- Chaplain
- Judge Advocate

Next Staff Meeting The next staff meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 Nov 22 starting at 1730 hours at the Hill House. Zoom available for those unable to attend in person.

Benediction Offered by Col Shambach.

Adjournment Col Shambach adjourned the meeting at 1845 hours.

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## COMING EVENTS (November & Later)

- ✓ **STAFF MEETING (17 Nov 22)**
  - Thursday, 1730
  - Location: Hill House + Zoom
  - Zoom Information for Companions <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82225526302?pwd=ZTJYU3hyKzZtWjg4cGo0S3FrYU p4UT09>

## ✓ MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

(3 Dec 22)

- Saturday, time 1130
- Location: Patty Jewett Golf Course.
- RSVP Required: no later than Monday, 28 November to Mike Berendt, [berendt478@aol.com](mailto:berendt478@aol.com), (410) 908-6777 and cc: Steve Shambach, [shambachsm@msn.com](mailto:shambachsm@msn.com) (719) 447-5505
- Menu: Buffet. Notify Mike Berendt if you have special menu requirements when submitting RSVP.
- Cost: \$25 (cash or check only)
- Program: A presentation by Christopher Miller, Lt Gen, USAF (Ret).



## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Rich Peters

Junior Vice Commander

### Homeless Veteran “Stand Down” Colorado Springs

Stand Downs are events during which VA staff and volunteers provide food, clothing and health screenings to homeless and at-risk Veterans. In addition, Veterans also receive referrals for health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment, mental health counseling and other essential services. Chapter members Rich Peters and Mike Boatner assisted homeless veterans residing in El Paso County at this worthwhile event.



*Companion Rich Peters Supporting Stand Down*

### General Membership Meeting (27 Oct 22)

Col (USAF Ret) Franklin “Joey” Hinson gave a dynamic and informative presentation on Air Force Junior ROTC. To dispel any misconception, Col Hinson informed the group that JROTC is not a recruiting program (on average less than 15% of AFJROTC members end up joining the military), and incurs no military requirement or obligation. What the program excels in is character and leadership development at 870 high schools across the nation and overseas, with approximately 120,000 cadets in the program. Students do have to meet grooming standards, and wear the Air Force uniform once every two weeks. Col Hinson’s program at Mitchell High School was established in 2000, and is one of 6 such programs in Colorado Springs. All D11 students are eligible to be in the program. The students can be members for “class only”, or participate in cyber, academic, marksmanship, drill, color guard and PT teams, all of which are voluntary after school programs. In addition to community service and leadership opportunities, the program also provides special ROTC scholarship opportunities for JROTC, and Summer Flight Academy scholarships.



*Col Joey Hinson, Col (USAF, Ret)  
Mitchell HS AFJROTC*

Attending with Col Hinson were two of his SuperStar cadets, Cadet Col Omari Martin and Cadet Lt Col Jade Schaf. Both spoke of the opportunities that AFJROTC provided to them, and what the programs means. Cadet Col Martin is the top cadet of 150 members of his cadre, and was sponsored by MOWW to attend the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference, where he was named “Top Student”! He will graduate from high



*Cadet Col Omari Martin  
Mitchell HS Wing Commander*

school in May 2023 and is looking into attending the Prep School at USAFA, or becoming a member of the CSU Ft Collins AFROTC Det.

Cadet Lt Col Schaf attended the AFJROTC Flight Academy this past Summer, and will complete her private pilot licensing prior to graduation. She is a candidate for both the USNA and USAFA.

It was an inspiring and energetic presentation, and we owe a big thank you to Col Hinson for upholding the MOWW ideal of service *Cadet Lt Col Jade Schaf* before self, and to his cadets for all they have accomplished. We wish Cadet Col Martin and Cadet Lt Col Schaf continued success in their academic and military endeavors!



*Col Joey Hinson (Col, USAF, Ret), Cadet Lt Col Omari Martin, Cadet Lt Col Jade Schaf, and Companion Kerm Neal (Col, USAF, Ret)*

## COMPANIONS HELP WANTED

**Civil Air Patrol (CAP)** – we are seeking a Companion to spearhead working with the local CAP to recognize their young adults and integrate within our existing programs. Please contact Junior Vice Rich Peters if interested.

**Young Marines** – we are seeking a Companion to spearhead working with the local Young Marine Chapter to recognize their cadets and integrate within our existing programs. Please contact Junior Vice Rich Peters if interested.

**Companion Outreach** – we are seeking a Companion to assist the Staff in outreach activities associated with our members to periodically check on them to determine if they require any assistance from the Chapter. We currently have over 23 Chapter members who are over age 75 and would like to establish a program where we personally visit them to ensure they do not require assistance from other Companions. Please contact Junior Vice Rich Peters if interested.

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## CONTRIBUTION OR PLEDGE

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I wish to contribute or pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Patriotic Education Fund.

I wish to contribute or pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the ROTC Fund.

I wish to contribute or pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Boy and Girl Scout Fund.

I wish to contribute or pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Law & Order Fund.

I wish to contribute or pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Operations Fund (postage, bulletin, directory, recognition programs – plaques, medals, etc.)

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Name

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