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Commander's Corner

The annual **MOWW Conference in Detroit is a Go!** Please read page 2 for an excerpt from a 12 April 2020 email from the COS.

By acclamation, your **New Chapter Staff** for 2020-

2021 are: MAJ Craig Reed, Junior Vice

Commander; CW03 Marvin E. Murray, Jr., Senior Vice Commander & myself, Chapter Commander. A 14 April 2020 email I sent detailed the process and my rationale, please check your email. Updated planning documents to Staff will follow via email.



- 2020 MOWW Conference-Detroit
- 2020-2021 Chapter Staff election status
- Sew masks for VA hospital
- Chapter history



Thanks to Mrs.
Judy Lewis &
MAJ Lew White
for making face
masks for the
AZ Veterans
Retirement
Home!

COL Pat Little-Upah is requesting chapter members help sew **face masks** for the Phoenix VA hospital. Please read page 5 for contact details.

LTC Arthur Fowler, MOWW Historian General, advised me on how to send our 30 years of chapter history to the archive. The Hoover Institution at Stanford University, has been home

since 1931, for MOWW records.

I have requested our chapters records be included in this archive. Thanks to LTC Patrick C. Stolze, Past Chapter Commander, who organized this drive by activity year.

Chapter Photographer Mrs. Lana Murray, reports Paris (CW03 Murray's & her dog) is taking them on daily walks in the neighborhood. COL Karl & Mrs. Joan Kohlhoff will be fishing in Alaska in July. LTC Alan Jeska did not return to Washington state due to COVID-19. He is practicing social distancing, "dining together, but apart, on Monday's with friends."





MOWW Detroit Conference is a GO as of 12 April 2020



“Yes, the Order is planning to hold the 2020 MOWW Convention in Detroit (Dearborn) this August. In fact, the Order has been working with the HQ Staff, the Detroit (host) Chapter, the Education & Training Committee, etc., to ensure it’s a great event. Be assured that our 100th convention will have exceptional workshops, social events, tours, business sessions, etc. The CINC is looking forward to seeing every commander in the Order at the convention, as well as

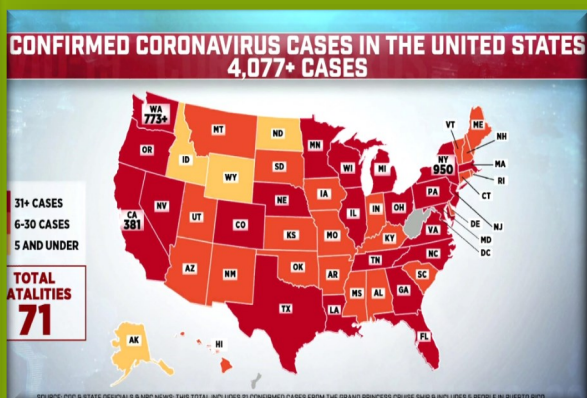
heartily greeting all Companions attending...

So far, the convention host chapter reports that convention registrations and hotel room reservations are very slow in coming and especially few in number. The same is true for the annual Hann-Buswell Memorial Chapter Dinner. You can imagine this has our undivided attention, but together we can—and should—change that. That’s why the CINC asks the full chain of command and all national officers to lead a robust convention registration and hotel reservation effort to quickly and notably increase the number of Companions attending the Order’s 100th MOWW Convention in August. He is leading by example.”

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER, With the warmest affection and the greatest respect,

ARTHUR B. MORRILL III, Brigadier General, USAF (Ret), Chief of Staff & Chief Operating Officer, MOWW, Inc. *“Serving Youth, Community & Nation”*

Source: 12 April 2020 email from COS. Subject: “CINC Directive--OY 2019 Annual Program Awards”



What to Know about COVID-19

Will COVID-19 be gone by summer?

“Probably, says Norton, but ‘there will be some places where it’s still circulating, so it never really leaves.’ He also expects it to become ‘seasonal’ and return each year like the flu.”

Source: Dr. Robert Norton, professor of public health at Auburn University, People, April 13, 2020, p. 50.



COS 2020: COVID-19 & MOWW

Excerpts from an email from the COS to MOWW Chain-of-Command

“Teleworking has prompted some temporary changes in a few areas until we can return to normal operations. To illustrate, where we would normally mail letters via the US Postal Service (USPS) to Regular (Annual) Members and to Companions on Perpetual Member installment plans reminding them to submit their annual or quarterly dues payments, respectively, we’re now doing that via emails instead. In addition, due to the governors’ stay-at-home orders, we’re asking you to please use MOWW’s secure online PayPal and credit card payment methods to pay dues (and to donate to the annual CINC Solicitation). Please visit the MOWW website at www.moww.org and use the “Pay Dues/Donate” button on the top of the homepage or click on the link here: <https://donations.moww.org/>

The good news is it’s easy to securely pay dues online or securely donate to the annual CINC Solicitation. Of course, payments can still be made via a check or money order mailed to HQ MOWW via USPS, but since the HQ MOWW office is temporarily closed and our mail is being held by USPS, that will notably delay processing of check payments mailed to us. We’d like to avoid that, which is why we hope all Companions will use the secure online “Pay Dues/Donate” feature described above instead. You should know we’ve been “walking the talk” because the Order already pays its bills, etc., via secure online means.”

To continue, yesterday we emailed April dues renewal notices to 125 Companions. While 116 emails were delivered, 9 emails failed. Today, we’re calling the 9 Companions whose emails failed and the 12 Companions who had no email address listed in the MOWW Member Roster, for a total of 21 phone calls. I mention this to explain our COVID-19 Pandemic contingency dues payment procedures, but also to highlight how critical it is for each chapter commander to regularly ensure all information for their chapter in the MOWW Member Roster is complete and accurate all of the time. This really does need to be a permanent, monthly chapter action item for reasons we’re now seeing. ***We also ask each chapter commander to call those chapter members whose dues are due in April and remind them of that.*** Working together works best, or as PCINC CAPT Russell Vowinkel often says, “Many hands make light work.”

Source: COS email 8 April 2020, “COVID-19 & MOWW--Difficulties Mastered are opportunities won. Sir Winston Spencer-Churchill.”



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Excerpt -- Continued

On that note, if any information in the MOWW Member Roster need to be updated or filled in, individual Companions should just directly email HPM Justin Hiller (Manager, MOWW Membership Programs) at **membership@moww.org** with that information or fill out the online MOWW Form 5, "Membership Update," in the "Companions Only," "MOWW Forms," section of the MOWW website. Once a Companion clicks "send," that completed online form goes directly to Justin Hiller's office email inbox, which he can access via teleworking. We strongly recommend using the online MOWW Form 5, "Membership Update," to speed up this simple update process.

Last, if you have questions or need assistance in using the secure online due payment capability, ordering from the MOWW Store or for any matter, please **email** us and provide your name and phone number, and we'll call you back. (Don't call our office because we're not there; we're teleworking.) Here's our email contact information, which is also available on the MOWW website under "*Contact Us*:"

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Last, let's remind ourselves about how we came about and what we're still all about. In our 101st year of service to our nation and its peoples, we still have a beautiful and enduring mission that has been entrusted to our care by our selfless Companion forebears. We are duty-bound to carry on. Please take a few moments and look at the uplifting MOWW Movie: **<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19eRPFsXHlc>**. You'll be glad you did.

In closing, Marian and I wish each of you and yours good health, safety and calming thoughts. We're all in it together and we can't think of a better group of people to be with during this or any time.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER, ITS COMPANIONS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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Editor's Note: Click on the **MOWW logo top left corner** to link directly to the **MOWW Movie**. Several of our Apache Trail Chapter members are featured in this video, from the August 2019 Simi Valley, CA annual conference.

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- **26 September 2020/4th Saturday**. Law & Order Program. Honoring Scottsdale PD Officer Kirsten Dunn. Installation of 2021 Chapter Staff. Location: Holiday Inn & Suites, 1600 South Country Club Drive, Mesa, AZ. (US 60 & Country Club Drive) (Tentative)

Please call
COL Pat Little-Upah
to volunteer to sew
masks for the
Phoenix VA Medical
Center at
(480) 226-4454.



"Wanda Wright, COL Ret., AZ Department of Veterans Services Director, told me they have enough masks for right now. However the Phoenix VA Medical Center needs some masks. Can you put a call out to MOWW to see if any of them can sew some masks for the Medical Center...The secretary for Honor House has some material if anyone needs it we can try to get it to them."

Thank You!



AZ Legislative Updates

Legislative Liaison, Jennifer Harris, ADVS informed that Speaker Bowers and President Fann, agreed the 13 April 2020 Legislative session will NOT convene. All Legislative Updates for this session are posted at <https://dvs.az.gov/legislative-updates>. The 27 March 2020 update, reflects all of the bills introduced this Session that would have an impact on veterans, military and ADVS as a state agency and where they were halted in the process.

Thanks to Carol Culbertson, UAV Secretary,
for this information.

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