

COMMANDER

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES

ADJUTANT

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

As we are now firmly postured to resume our local chapter 2025 operating year (OY2025) activities, I wish to thank our chapter staff planning team for their continued efforts to keep our Santa Cruz Valley [SCV] Chapter – 193 administrative, managerial, and operational focus on track. That said, I encourage all our chapter companions to review our revised OY2025 Chapter Action Plan goals for this year and also to take a moment to review our Order's OY2025 CINC's Letter of Intent (a copy attached to the Adjutant's Report from our first RM-1 SCV Chapter-193 Regular Membership meeting at our Casa Del Rio Mexican Restaurant September business luncheon and also distributed to all our online chapter companions via electronic email coordination message) which provides the "why's and wherefores" of how the greater organizational strategic guidance and our chapter CAP goals correlate.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Continuing our chapter's Treasurer's Report analysis recap from last month, our chapter had its best operating year [OY] resumption of operating year fundraising activities in its entire operational service history by having completely replenished (back to 100%) its administrative [ADMIN], operations and management [O&M], and general patriotic education [PE] funding budget sector allocations all before commencing any scheduled operations this OY. The current chapter banking account balances are as follows; regular SCV Chapter-193 CHASE BANK SAVINGS - \$1,342.65 USD, CHASE BANK CHECKING - \$2,230.02 USD. The current STANDALONE SCV Chapter-193 AZYL Program Support US BANK non-profit checking account is at \$3,762.78 USD as of the 1-31 August 2025 bank statement – pending the deposit processing of an added \$2K USD in collected 2025 MOWW National Convention activity fundraising donations (anticipating a total bank account balance of \$5,762.78 by the end of the OY2025 first quarter [QTR-1: JUL-AUG-SEPT 2025]).

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

With the first quarter almost behind us in the next two weeks, we will be kicking off OY2025 chapter support operations with the Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance Ceremony [MOC] in El Paso, TX (scheduled for SAT, 27 SEPT 2025). This event will be followed by subsequent MOC scheduled events in the second quarter in the months of NOV 2025 and DEC 2025, and the third quarter in the months of JAN 2026 and MAR 2026. Our chapter will also be celebrating its 40th anniversary on the 24th of OCT 2025. Plans are pending to host a community chapter banquet evening event (with invitations) for FRI, 25 OCT 2025 inviting our many veteran service organization [VSO] partners and mission support affiliates. Recognition awards will also be presented for their invaluable volunteer participation in this year's 2025 MOWW National Convention at the desert Diamond Hotel & Casino.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

Aug 4-9th – NC25: 2025 National Convention, Tucson, AZ - All Week
 Aug 04th – VSO-1: Aug (4) WOW [W] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
 Aug 05th – NC25: AVMC Dedication Ceremony, Marana AZ - 3PM
 Aug 08th – MOWW: VAC [A] VCC HYB Mtg., NC25, AZ - 5PM
 Aug 09th – MOWW: CAC [A] VCC HYB Mtg., NC25, AZ - 1:30PM
 Aug 12th – R-13: AVMCF [M] VCC HYB Mtg., Marana, AZ - 6:00PM
 Aug 19th – MOWW: VAC [M] VCC HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
 Aug 19th – VSO-4: PVAHCS [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11:30AM
 Aug 19th – R-13: MGM Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
 Aug 21st – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 [M] Mtg., Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
 Aug 27th – VSO-6: MVC [M] Mtg., Continental Ranch, AZ - 4PM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: SEPT 6th (HYB)

MEETING
LINK

MEETINGS: (Formats: HYB "membership" & VCC "staff")

EVENT: RM-1: SCV Chapter Membership Meeting - 12PM

ATTIRE: Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire

PROGRAM: OY 2025 SCV Regular Membership Program

AGENDA: "QTR-1 SCV Chapter Working Luncheon Activity"

NOTE: "Local Chapter staff meetings (SM) 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 ("RM") 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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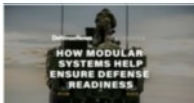
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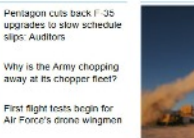
Jeanette Mack from Navy Federal Credit Union is here to explain what a credit utilization ratio is and how you can use it to your advantage.

Air →



Flight tests begin on US Air Force's new 'doomsday plane'

Flight tests for the F-4C Survivable Airborne Operations Control are being held in Dayton, Ohio, aerospace firm Sierra Nevada Corp. said.



Pentagon cuts back F-35 upgrades to slow schedule slips: Auditors

Why is the Army chopping away at its chopper fleet?

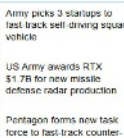
First flight tests begin for Air Force's drone wingman

Land →



US Army awards Lockheed record \$9.8 billion missile contract

The multiyear contract is the largest in the history of Lockheed Martin's Missiles & Fire Control business.



Army picks 3 startups to fast-track self-driving squad vehicle

US Army awards RTX \$1.7B for new missile defense radar production

Pentagon forms new task force to fast-track counter-drone capabilities

Army poised to expand role in homeland defense, commander says

Pentagon →

Drones, AI and robotics challenge order of Top 100 defense firms

Massive geopolitical shifts and tech advances are under threat for the annual Defense News defense-contractor ranking.



Trump to announce Space Command is moving from Colorado to Alabama

Trump is set to announce U.S. Space Command's move to Alabama, reversing a Biden-era decision to keep it at its temporary headquarters in Colorado.



Investors are waking up to the defense sector

A dynamic shift in the investor perception of the defense industry is underway.



Pentagon CTO says Defense Innovation Unit will remain independent

Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering Emil Michael said his oversight of DIU is temporary as the Pentagon seeks a permanent replacement.



Partial government ownership of firms could have a "distortive" effect on the defense industry, one analyst warned.

Phelan establishes new Naval Rapid Capabilities Office

Navy Secretary John Phelan announced the closure of several offices and the creation of a Naval Rapid Capabilities Office that reports directly to him.

Naval →



Norway to buy British frigates in \$14 billion deal

Canada shortlists German, South Korean yards for massive sub program

US Navy chief information officer announces retirement

Turkish warship's Benghazi port call cements new tack on Libya



Space Development Agency denies key space-to-air communications link

Rocket Lab unveils new pad as firm preps first Neutron rocket launch

York delivers 21 satellites for Space Development Agency launch

Armentum to modernize launch operations through \$4B Space Force contract

Space →



Trump fires Space Command HQ move to Colorado's 'crooked' voting laws

Twice Tuesday, Trump said Colorado's mail-in voting policies influenced his decision to move SPACECOM headquarters from Colorado Springs to Huntsville.

VIDEOS →



Coast Guard team honored for response to DC air tragedy

A team from Station Washington were honored as the 2025 Coast Guard team of the Year for their work in the wake of a mid-air collision near the Pentagon.

National Security

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VA to set caps on its workforce, eliminate positions and tighten controls on hiring

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DEFENSE

Navy CIO Jane Rathbun announces departure from civil service

Rathbun told Nextgov/FCW earlier this year that one of her priorities as CIO was transforming the U.S. Navy into a more data-centric organization.

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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:

United Arizona Veterans
First Office: 480-340-2020
Toll-Free: 1-800-451-1234
The Voice of Arizona's Veterans

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame will induct a new class of 15 Veterans in ceremonies on Friday, October 24th, 2025.

PHOENIX, AZ - August 20, 2025 - The annual induction ceremony of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame will take place on Friday, October 24th, 2025. This will be the 29th class of veterans inducted since the inception of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in 2001.

Event Details:
29th Annual Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
October 24, 2025, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
Talking Stick Resort Conference Center
8800 E. Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85266

Registration information is available at the United Arizona Veterans website: www.azavv.org

Early Bird Registration: now until 11:30 pm, September 21st: \$65/person

Standard Registration: beginning September 22nd until 11:30 pm, October 13th: \$75/person

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame is recognized by the Governor of Arizona and the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, supported by the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society and sponsored and administered by the United Arizona Veterans.

The induction ceremony recognizes and honors Arizona veterans who have honorably served their country and who continue to serve and inspire their fellow American citizens with civic deeds and accomplishments outside their military service.

This year's induction ceremony will recognize the Class of 2025:

- Laurie Nicole Baker, U.S. Army Veteran, Phoenix, Arizona
- Kathleen Marie Duomocone, U.S. Army Veteran, Sierra Vista, AZ
- Carl Byron Fortner, U.S. Navy Veteran, Mesa, AZ
- Kathryn Lowrey Gallowitz, U.S. Air Force Veteran, Rio Verde, AZ

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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/jrotcrorico/>

01 AUG District Welcome Back Color Guard, RRSD, 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

07 AUG Color Guard MOWW National Convention, Tucson, AZ

28 AUG Color Guard WGHS Varsity Football Game, Sahuarita, AZ



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July 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3 MOWW: PCOYWG	4 Independence Day R-13 Q4 VCC MTG	5
6	7 WOW Weekly HYB	8 AVMCF HYB VCC	9 NCSC VCC MTG	10	11	12 VV CH VCC MTG
13	14 WOW Weekly HYB	15 VAC VCC MTG PVAHCS VCC MGM CH HYB VCC	16	17 CAC VCC MTG ALOV P-132 MTG	18	19 MOAA CMC MTG GELP CH HYB
20 VSO-8 MVC MTG	21 WOW Weekly HYB	22 NFC VCC MTG	23	24 NCSC VCC MTG	25	26 CS CH HYB MTG
27 Korean War Armistice Day	28 WOW Weekly HYB	29	30	31 NCSC VCC MTG		

August 2025

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31 US MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY					1	2
3	4 NC25-TUS SET UP	5 AVMC CEREMONY	6 NC25-TUS BUFFET	7	8	9 NC25-TUS BANQUET
10 NC25-TUS POST EXCOM	11 WOW Weekly HYB	12 AVMCF HYB VCC	13	14 CODE TALKER DAY	15	16 MOAA CMC MTG
17	18 WOW Weekly HYB	19 VAC VCC MTG PVAHCS VCC MGM MHB MTG	20	21 ALOV P-132 MTG	22	23 CS CH HYB MTG
24	25 WOW Weekly HYB	26	27 MARANA VC MTG	28	29 USMCR BIRTHDAY	30



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News

- SEP 05 Certain Metabolic Meals home delivery foods reported in ongoing Salmonella outbreak investigation
- AUG 28 Nearly 100 people sick in Salmonella outbreak linked to recalled eggs
- AUG 11 Statement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- AUG 05 CDC Launches New Campaign to Address Youth Substance Use and Mental Health
- AUG 04 Statement from Laura Chonkhan Phanom, MD, MPH, Director (Acting), CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, on the passing of Christine Brader, Pipe Fitter Former Smoker's participant

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Psalm 91:14,15,16

"Those who love, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When thy call to me I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation."

It is evident that I am very fond of the wisdom and beauty found in the Psalms. The book helps us find words in songs and prayers to approach our holy, awesome God. Within the Psalms are expressions of our love, joy, sadness, anger, frustrations, and needs to God. The poetry of the Psalms allows us to reveal our deepest emotions. We learn we are never alone regardless of where we are in our lives. When you find it hard to find expression for your feelings, there is a Psalm that can meet your need. They speak of the faithfulness of God's love and care for all his children. We can be confident that wherever we are or whatever we are doing, we belong to God and he is with us.

Blessings,

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 (48 year)
- Frank M. Feliciano, PM (43 years)
- Adam T. Free, PM (20 years)
- Daniel R. Free, PM (20 years)
- Joel M. Greenberg, RM (7 years)
- Warren A. Grossetta, PM (48 year)
- Laird Guttersen, PM (48 year)
- Fred S. Hanna, PM (48 years)
- Ronald A. McCreery, PM (40 years)
- David I. Miller, PM (40 years)
- Billie L. Stephens, PM (22 years)
- Matthew R. Tank, PM (41 years)
- Pierce W. Timberlake, HPM (43 years)
- Michael S. West, PM (41 years)
- Carl F. Wright, PM (46 years)

Companion Membership Anniversaries

August Anniversaries:

- Dolores M. Cataldo, PM (25 years)
- Fluvio J. Cataldo, PM (33 years)
- Stephen W. Christy, HPM (30 years)
- Richard D. Clifton, PM (25 years)
- Donald D. Doran, PM (43 years)
- David Fagergren, PM (18 years)
- Erik Fagergren, PM (18 years)
- William A. Gill, PM (38 years)
- Frank G. Huston, PM (70 years)
- Robert D. Kellogg, PM (34 years)
- Eugene L. Lash, PM (41 years)
- Quentin H. Miller, PM (40 years)
- Thomas E. Ozier, PM (39 years)
- Charlotte M. Post, HPM (25 years)
- Bruce E. Rianda, PM (23 years)
- John Seatvet, PM (48 years)
- Sabrina L. Wolfe, PM (39 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

July Birthdays:

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

Companion Birthday Celebrations

August Birthdays:

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

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



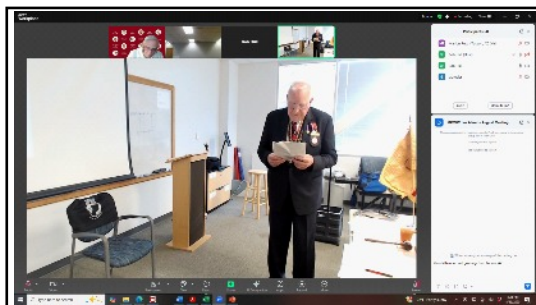
VSO-1: WOW [W] HYB VCC MTG - AUG 2025

The Wings Over Wendy's (WOW) non-profit organization is our most expansive hybrid supported cross-state lines veterans service organizational partnership. WOW meets weekly each Monday morning at 9:30 AM (PST). While they are mostly active servicing their local community throughout central and southern California tending to food / clothing drives and planning field trips and attending special events, their meetings gathers veteran communities from over four states each week helping propagate military service heritage.



MOWW: NC25-TUS [A] Event - AUG 2025

This year's 2025 MOWW National Convention was successfully hosted in Tucson, AZ, the week of 4-10 August at the Desert Diamond Hotel & Casino, which is the first such partnered event conducted on local native American Tribal Lands ever in the southwest. The week long convention brought fellow companions from throughout the lower 48 states and two operational lands from abroad in the common wealth of Puerto Rico and Hawaii. The program offered a unique blending of both business and pleasure to the event.



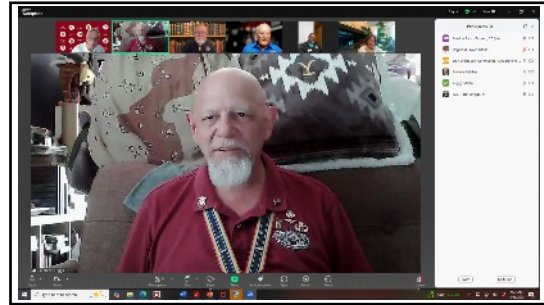
R-13: MG Miles Chapter [M] HYB MTG - AUG 2025

The Region XIII, MG Miles Chapter (based out of Los Alamos, New Mexico) is the regional mainstay premier invited guest speaker program support element for the entire southwestern United States. All its chapter meetings are offered as online ZOOM hybrid (combined traditional face-to-face locale meetings and tethered online live streaming ZOOM sharing capability component) which invites all regional chapters to participate. Their speaker program covers an array of very interesting presentation topics to all invitees.



MOWW: AVMC [S] Dedication Ceremony - AUG 2025

Our Region XIII (R-13) Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 in Tucson, AZ hosted the first MOWW second century of continued local community service operations just before launching this year's 2025 National Convention during the first week in August with the placement and accompanying MOWW historical marker dedication ceremony event in the town of Marana, AZ (west of Tucson) on Tuesday, the 5th of August. It is the first of many "America 250" regional events anticipating the 250th anniversary of our national founding.



MOWW: VAC [M] VCC MTG - JUL 2025

The MOWW Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) meets monthly year-round. It is currently comprised of regional representatives appointed by their respective commanders. There are currently 5 to 6 regional representatives active with continued committee expansion efforts constantly underway to eventually achieve a full 10-region representative committee forum. Committee meetings review regional veterans affairs activities and supported events throughout the entire Order which include major Holiday observances and special projects.



VSO-8: Marana VC [M] Meeting - AUG 2025

Region XIII, Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 has begun coordination efforts with the neighboring Town of Marana, AZ Veterans Club to explore new MOWW local Cadre development opportunities in that area, along with a possible second MOWW Cadre opportunity further west in Yuma, AZ in the current operating year. Both opportunities provide potential for further Order organization regional growth throughout the southwest. We are excited of what is to come by way of further regional expeditionary operations.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

White Wing/Masher

It began on a day in late February 1966 and continued through three-fourths of March. In a mountain fastness Americans called the “Crow’s Foot,” close to the place the Vietnamese called “Bong Son,” the 1st Air Cavalry Division took on what was the best the North Vietnamese Army had to offer: three regiments of the NVA 3rd Division.



As soon as contact was established, UH-1 Iroquois helicopters (Hueys) with infantry aboard flew to the scene and 8-inch howitzers took to the roads. The convoy kept a tight interval between vehicles — deuce and a halves, a three-quarter ton truck, a water tank mounted on a trailer. These were the vehicles in my 13-man section. We were following self-propelled 8-inch howitzers whose tracks threw dust up from the dusty, dirt road. As they snaked through the part of the road particularly disliked — the hairpin turns and sheer cuts of An Khe Pass — which forced braking for steep downhill and accelerating for equally steep uphill, where from above NVA

could calmly aim a rifle or even roll a boulder down on us. Someone said, “if they hit that load, we won’t be telling anyone about it.” The load, moving along just five or ten feet ahead, consisted of olive-drab-painted, 200 pound, 8-inch rounds. Upon arrival at the battle site, the 8-inchers began a rapid and continuous fire. This was the start of the battle known as White Wing/Masher. As it progressed, flares turned part of the night into day. In an angry grinding sound, a US Air Force C-47’s mini-gun painted the night with lethal pink arcs (tracer bullets). This C-47 just had to be called “Puff the Magic Dragon.”

North Vietnam’s massing of its army in that area had been calculated to split the country of South Vietnam in two, bringing a quick end to the South’s resistance. But 1st Cav, with the help of other Free World Forces — this was a large battle — elements of the US 3rd Marine Amphibious Force, the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) 22nd Division and the Republic of Korea Capital Division, crushed those NVA dreams. TLC (From book *Forecaster! Battling the Weather Odds in Peace and War*, by Ted Cogut.)



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

Washington DC was established in 1790 at roughly the geographic halfway point of the thirteen original colonies. If the capital were to be relocated today to the geographic midpoint of the 50 state capitals, where would it be built?

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 was re-elected for a second term as the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) National 93rd Commander-in-Chief. 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.



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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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Good Citizenship,
Patriotic Education,
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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



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