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Dear Companions of the Military Order,

Of the many things MOWW does, multi-day Youth Leadership Conferences (YLC) and one-day Youth Education Seminars (YES) are the best in terms of offering high school students programs that provide opportunities to explore the US Constitution, American government, the free enterprise system and patriotism, and gain skills in leadership, writing and speaking.

YLC and YES students develop an awareness of the civic responsibilities of American citizens associated with preserving rights and freedoms that help all realize the full promise of being a citizen of the United States. Fifty percent of class time is devoted to leadership, 30% to US history and US Government, and 20% to the free enterprise system and the US economy. Students interact with instructors and peers in small group discussions, debates, skits, etc. Many YLCs conduct mock trials, using an actual US court case to learn about the justice system. Students also make oral and written presentations during YLCs. YESs are generally topic focused, e.g., the US judicial system.

Multi-Day YLCs and YESs are free or low-cost educational conferences that facilitate US high school students developing leadership skills via patriotic education. Students who attend public, charter and private high schools, or home-schools, usually participate as juniors or seniors. YLC students may also compete in our national Phoenician Essay competition, which is an opinion essay on a national topic. The winner, 1st Runner-Up and 2nd Runner-Up each receive cash prizes and local media attention.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) placed MOWW's Youth Leadership Conferences (YLCs) on the 2018-2019 NASSP List of Approved Contests, Programs and Activities for Students—an important credential renewed each year.

These programs significantly expand the knowledge and abilities of our young people. But ... not everyone knows YLC and YES events exist. I ask all Companions to tell students, parents and educators about our YLCs and YESs, and then recruit students to attend them!



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ON THE COVER

Amidst the rubble of Manila, LTC Edwin Price Ramsey, stands with Major John Boone, one of his commanders. Both received the Distinguished Service Cross from MacArthur on June 13, 1945



THE LAST CHARGE

LTC DAVID J. WORLEY, USAF (RET)
COMMANDER, GA BRADLEY - COL HANSON CHAPTER, CA

LTC Edwin Price Ramsey, United States Army, was a MOWW Companion and a true American hero. Born on 9 May 17 in Carlyle, IL, LTC Ramsey enrolled in the ROTC Cavalry Program at the Oklahoma Military Academy (then known as the "West Point of the Southwest"). Upon graduation in May 1938, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Cavalry Reserve. He entered active service in February 1941 and was assigned to the 11th Cavalry Regiment in Campo, CA. In June 1941, then 2LT Ramsey volunteered for and was reassigned to the 26th Cavalry Regiment of the elite Philippine Scouts. His platoon consisted primarily of Filipino-Americans that he personally trained over a subsequent six-month period.



"The Last Charge," by artist John Solie, was commissioned by the US Army. In the painting, Lieutenant Edwin Price Ramsey, third from right, leads the charge. Photo credit: <http://pinoyhistory.proboards.com>

Hours after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 Dec 41, Japanese forces began air strikes on the Philippines' main island of Luzon, destroying aircraft, airfields and other strategic assets of the US Army Forces in the Far East (USAFFFE). Once achieving air superiority, the Japanese initiated a full-fledged land invasion on 20 Dec 41. Overwhelmed by the enemy's advance, USAFFE Commander, General of the Army (GA) and Field Marshal Philippine Army, Douglas MacArthur ordered a retreat southward to the Bataan peninsula.

MG Jonathan Wainwright, Commander of the North Luzon Force, was charged by GA MacArthur with delaying the enemy who were attacking from the north, thus facilitating the retreat. Initially, MG Wainwright was to establish an east-west defense line anchored by the city of Morong on the peninsula's western side. His forces consisted of four infantry divisions and the 26th Cavalry Regiment. Now, 1LT Ramsey's regiment was tasked, among other operational requirements, to primarily conduct enemy reconnaissance. On 16 Jan, 1LT Ramsey was re-directed by General Wainwright himself to lead a 27-man advanced team into Morong consisting of members from the 26th Cavalry and the 1st Regular Division of the Philippine Army.

Award-winning military-history author Dwight Jon Zimmerman, who wrote a 10 Apr 15 article for Defense Media Network entitled, "*Charge!*" *Philippine Scouts and the Last Horse Cavalry Charge of the U.S. Army*, described what ensued:

Upon reaching the Batalan River that formed part of Morong's eastern border, Ramsey's unit swung west and cautiously approached the seemingly deserted village, composed of grass huts suspended on stilts, with the livestock living beneath the structures. The only stone building was the Catholic Church, located in the middle of the village. At the village outskirts, Ramsey reorganized his force into squads and ordered a four-man point unit to lead them in.

As the point unit approached the village center, it came under fire from a Japanese advance guard that had just crossed the bridge spanning the river. Ramsey saw in the distance lead elements of the main force beginning to ford the river. If the Japanese troops managed to reach the village in force, Ramsey knew that his outnumbered troops would be overwhelmed. Ramsey then decided to do something the U.S. Army hadn't attempted in more than 50 years – launch a horse cavalry charge against an enemy in war.

Ramsey quickly signaled his men to deploy into forager formation (a cavalry formation similar to an infantry skirmish line). Then he raised his pistol and shouted, "Charge!" With troops firing

their pistols, the galloping cavalry horses smashed into the surprised enemy soldiers, routing them. At a cost of only three men wounded, Ramsey and his men then held off the Japanese until reinforcements arrived.

In the words of LTC Ramsey, "What we hit was the advanced guard of probably a regiment of Japanese who were coming across the Bataan River, so what I did was hit the advance guard there forcing the rest of them to withdraw." [Interview, Philippine Scouts Heritage Society 2009 Reunion]. He continued, "Bent nearly prone across the horses' necks, we flung ourselves at the Japanese, pistols firing full into their startled faces. A few returned our fire but most fled in confusion, some wading back across the river, others running madly for the swamps..." [Memoir co-written with Stephen Revele entitled Lieutenant Ramsey's War].

1LT Ramsey and his men held off the Japanese for approximately five hours. LT Ramsey received the Silver Star for his actions "...at Morong...for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 26th Cavalry Regiment, Philippine Scouts, in action in the Philippine Islands on or about 16 January 1942 (PC1 General Orders No. 12-1942)."

Unfortunately, USAFFE forces fell back to Bataan and were overwhelmed by the Japanese, officially



The 26th Cavalry Regiment, consisting mostly of Philippine Scouts, was the last US cavalry regiment to engage in horse-mounted warfare. When Troop G encountered Japanese forces at the village of Morong on 16 January 1942, Lieutenant Edwin Price Ramsey ordered the last cavalry charge in American history.

It would not be until 22 October 2001, when American soldiers would enter combat on horseback again, when members of the 12-man Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA) 595 (Green Berets), accompanying members of the Afghanistan Northern Alliance, rode into battle at Cōbaki in Balkh Province, led by (now retired) Maj. Mark Nutsch, team leader of ODA 595, also known as the "Horse Soldiers."



surrendering on 9 Apr 42. Most of the Philippine Scouts were taken prisoner or killed, yet 1LT Ramsey escaped capture and retreated into the Philippine jungles. On 13 Jun 45, the Distinguished Service Cross was awarded to MAJ Edwin Price Ramsey for extraordinary heroism in the Philippine Islands from 21 Apr 42 to 30 Apr 45. MAJ Ramsey was then assigned as adjutant and second in command of the East Central Luzon Guerrilla Area, comprising seven provinces. He personally organized guerrilla forces in Pampanga, Manila, Tarlac and Pangasinan and,

coordinated and completed the organization of guerrilla units in Central Luzon. Establishing a headquarters on Mount Balabac, which is north of Montalban on the outskirts of Manila, MAJ Ramsey directed intelligence activities, the dissemination of propaganda and the organization of combat units. By every available courier, intelligence reports were sent to Panay and Mindoro. In October 1944, radio contact was established with General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, which proved invaluable as vital information could now be supplied daily. Commanding 10,000 officers and men, with a reserve of approximately 20,000, MAJ Ramsey mobilized units which effectively sabotaged and harassed the enemy in every possible manner. Upon the arrival of the American forces in East Central Luzon, he made available to them well-organized and armed troops, guides and





Lt Ramsey's radio team and other Filipino guerrillas.



Lt Ramsey and Mona Parpana (the woman in white). Mona Parpana was an intelligence officer with the resistance.



Lt Ramsey posing with his guerrilla headquarters staff.

intelligence personnel and since that time, supplied more than 4,000 men for the American Army.

Although physically handicapped by illness, MAJ Ramsey's untiring efforts, organizing ability, commendable courage and outstanding leadership, he materially advanced the success of Allied operations in the Philippine Islands. After defeating the Japanese on the Philippine Islands, MAJ Ramsey was ordered back to the United States and promoted to the rank of LTC. After spending nearly a year in the hospital from the physical effects of spending years in the Philippine jungles, LTC Ramsey was medically discharged in 1946.

In Oct 93, LTC Ramsey became a Perpetual Member of the GA Bradley-COL Hanson Chapter (MOWW). LTC Ramsey, a truly selfless American war hero, passed away on 7 Mar 13 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. ★

Editor's Note: A 75-minute documentary was produced chronicling the life of LTC Ramsey, entitled "Never Surrender: The Ed Ramsey Story." The film was produced by Vanilla Fire Productions (Director: Matthew Hausle, Writer: John Travers) and is "a story of sacrifice, survival, heroism, forgiveness, and reconciliation." Earlier, LTC Ramsey co-authored a 1990 autobiography with Oscar-nominated screenwriter Stephen J. Rivele entitled, "Lieutenant Ramsey's War: From Horse Soldier to Guerilla Commander." The documentary and LTC Ramsey's autobiography can be purchased through Amazon. More may be learned about this extraordinary American war hero at www.edwinpriceramsey.com.



ORIGINS OF THE MILITARY ORDER

LTC ARTHUR B. FOWLER III, USA (RET)
PINSON MEMORIAL CHAPTER, TX

The Revolutionary War's official end was marked by the signing of the Treaty of Paris on 28 June 1783. Subsequently, General Baron von Steuben arranged a meeting to organize a society of officers to create a structure to assist the families of officers killed during the war. This led to our country's first veterans organization, The Society of the Cincinnati, which was formed in 1783. Similar veteran organizations were created after later conflicts.

Likewise, after the Armistice of November 1918 but before the June 1919 Treaty of Versailles which officially ended World War I, in March 1919 the American Legion was conceived to assist US forces returning to civilian life and seeking employment. A few months later, other officers began to create an organization similar to those created after prior wars.

In the fall of 1919, former AEF officers in the Detroit, MI, area attended an inaugural meeting of an organization known as the "American Officers of the Great War." Major Frank B. Ainger headed the group. Others included: Colonels Walter Cole, Theodore Leisen, Angus McLean and Burt Shirley; Lieutenant Colonels Charles Cole and Francis Seward; Major J. M. O'Dea, and; Captains Harry Lean and Gordon MacEdwards. They were charged with attracting others from across the country to attend the new organization's initial convention in September 1920.

A Boston chapter was formed in December 1919, a District of Columbia chapter was formed in January 1920 and in May 1920, chapters were created in New York and San Francisco. One source of recruiting was the Naval Reserve whose rosters were obtained from the Undersecretary of the Navy, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Major Ainger and his Detroit crew had secured the attendance of delegates from 22 cities across the country and he reported that the national membership was 12,300 by the time of the Convention. The total cost of this organizing was \$27,000, but at the convention he asked for reimbursement only for printing bills and out of pocket expenses.

Colonel P. Lincoln Mitchell from Cincinnati, OH, was chosen to chair the convention and a New York City officer, Major Almuth C. Vandiver, was elected to serve as the first convention's permanent secretary. The first committee elected laid the organization's permanent foundation, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Colonel Thatcher T. P. Luquer of New York City was selected to chair it.



In his opening remarks, Major Vandiver listed organizations established after wars in which the United States had been involved. These included the Society of the Cincinnati; the Society of the War of 1812; the Aztec Club of 1847 (Mexican War); the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (Union officers of the Civil War); and the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War. He foreshadowed the MOWW Preamble, by saying,

So then, sir, by inheritance we are the sixth generation of the bald eagle's brood of officers who answered the call to arms in our country's time of need. We are no political organization. We vent no grievances. We enter no complaints. We have no selfish ends to serve. But we are a great company with a common purpose. In the consideration and solution of the pressing problems of domestic and foreign readjustment; in the matter of our own relationship with other powers; of military and naval policy; of governmental expenditures of retrenchment, of capital and labor, of radicalism and conservatism, we, a great constructive force, are determined to be heard and to make our influence felt, that the institutions of our forefathers, fought for by the plain people, of which we are a considerable part, shall not vanish forever from this continent.

This worthy, first-hand testimony at our Order's founding, is just as relevant and inspiring today as it was a century ago. ★



ADDRESSING NATIONAL & ORDER ISSUES

LTC KING MOSS II, USA (RET)

CHAIRMAN, LEGISLATIVE & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (MOWW)

The Military Order has a number of standing national committees, and the Legislative & Resolutions Committee is an important one. This committee's duty is to monitor the activities of Congress and other agencies of the United States government with a view toward gathering information deemed to be of interest to the Order.

The committee has a mission tasking to report its findings to national leadership as frequently as appropriate, and to the National General Staff at its annual MOWW Convention—in addition to publishing the same in its annual report in the annual MOWW Convention Book. The Committee members follow:

- Chair: LTC King Moss II, USA (Ret)
- Vice Chair, Major Paul Willard, USAF (Ret)
- Member: Col Joseph D. Eddlemon, USMC (Ret)
- Member: LTC William Rapp, USA (Ret)
- Member: LT Walt Laidlaw, USN (Fmr)

Whenever its findings are determined to warrant action by the Order, the committee shall so recommend to the Order's leadership. In addition, the Committee is responsible for considering all proposed resolutions. Only resolutions approved by a majority vote of the committee shall be brought before the delegates in convention or a meeting of the General Staff. Any delegate may appeal the action of the committee and have a resolution brought before the convention or a meeting of the General Staff by a majority vote of the delegates.

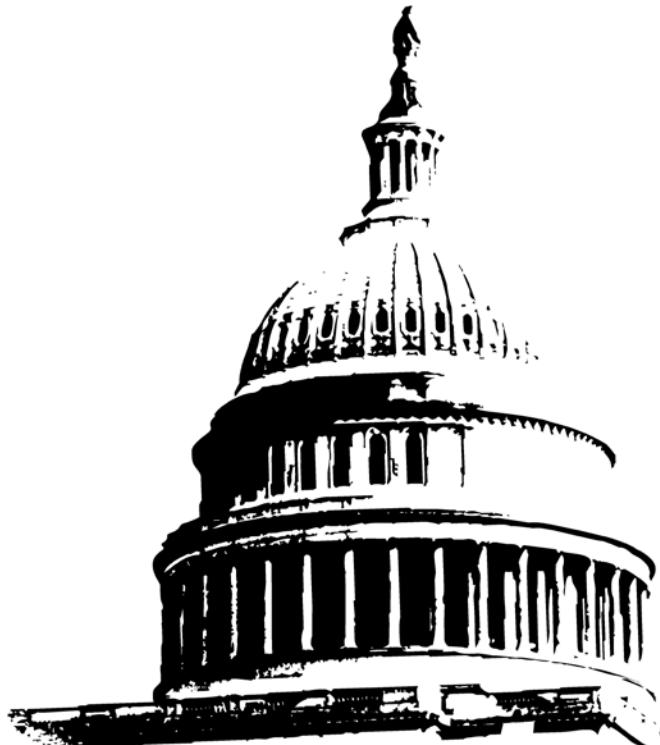
As always, MOWW chapters, departments and regions are encouraged to submit legislative review requests and resolution proposals to the Committee. Depending on urgency of the resolution and the approach of other Veteran Service Organizations (VSO), we will try to process them for EXCOM review and CINC approval as soon as possible rather than wait until the annual MOWW Convention. Of course, any resolution or correspondence requiring a change to the MOWW Constitution or Bylaws

will be referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for its action.

To best serve Companions of the Order, please send requests for additional information, etc., to:

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Changing tack, the following is a summary list of several current legislative bills pertaining to the military that were filed by the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate for 2019. If you are interested in reviewing the bills in more detail go to www.gov.com and enter military in the search field.



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House of Representatives and Senate Bills in Progress Affecting the Armed Services:

- H.R.303 — Retired Pay Restoration Act
To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or combat-related special compensation.
- S. 208 — Retired Pay Restoration Act
A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.
- S. 133 — Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2019
To award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.
- H.R.463 — Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act
To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for forgiveness of certain overpayments of retired pay paid to deceased retired members of the Armed Forces.
- H.R.553 — Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act
To amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan for military surviving spouses to offset the receipt of veterans dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

- H.R.717 — Raise the Age Act
To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a Federal firearms licensee from selling or delivering certain semiautomatic centerfire rifles to a person under 21 years of age, with exceptions for active duty military personnel and full-time law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.
- S. Res. 11 — A resolution honoring the 150th anniversary of Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma.
- H.R.311 — To redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.
- H.R.859 — To authorize the honorary appointment of Robert J. Dole to the grade of colonel in the regular Army.
- H. R.557
To render certain military spouses eligible for adjustment of status.
- H.R.113 — All-American Flag Act
An act to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government.
- H.R.100 — Veteran Overmedication and Suicide Prevention Act of 2019
To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct an independent review of the deaths of certain veterans by suicide, and for other purposes.
- H.R.238 — To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and currently of Colleyville, Texas, for acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. Lieutenant Megellas is a Perpetual Member of the Dallas Chapter. ★



NOT RETIRED, NOT FORMER, JUST SERVING

BG RAYMOND E. BELL, JR., PHD, USA (RET)
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Recently, a retired US Army chaplain joined my congregation. Well, not really. He wasn't actually retired in the formal sense of the word, though he no longer wore a US Army uniform. However, he still wears a 10th Infantry Division (Mountain) lapel pin. The other day I asked his wife why he wasn't there that day singing in our choir. "Oh," she said, "He's conducting a service at another church." Yes, an Army chaplain, on active, guard or reserve duty, or "retired," is never finished pursuing his or her calling. To my way of thinking his absence in the choir that day was surely another demonstration of the uniqueness of chaplains.

This "non-retired" chaplain got me thinking about my dealings with my chaplains as an armored cavalry officer and military police brigade commander. They were "wearing the collar," so to speak, but they were also wearing the military uniform—at times, in unique ways.

I was an armored cavalry squadron executive officer in Vietnam when I first came to recognize a chaplain's uniqueness. The squadron was not authorized a chaplain so his assignment was rather an anomaly. Regardless, he was a valuable member of our command team—and not solely for troopers' spiritual needs. We first met at a unit religious service at which, also uniquely, I turned out to be the only participant. It was not meant to be a "one-on-one" service, but I was the only one to turn up. Unfortunately, although I love church music, we sang no hymns. Nevertheless, it was worth every minute he spent conducting his singular service.

Where our chaplain really demonstrated his uniqueness was as a negotiator. In 1968–1969, our draftee army was beginning to show a weariness in combat. Our cavalry troopers were a mixed lot and came from a variety of backgrounds. They were young and, they believed, they were going to live forever. Some were careless but by and large they were responsible men. At least, that's what I thought until our chaplain came to see me because

I was a potential summary courts martial officer for soldiers allegedly committing a misdeed.

A dismounted patrol had entered a Vietnamese "hooch." It was not thought to contain hostile inhabitants and as it turned out, it did not. However, reports came back to the squadron that members of the patrol had acted inappropriately although no bodily harm was inflicted. I was to investigate, which I did. There were conflicting stories and the Vietnamese turned out to be unwilling to testify one way or the other. It appeared an impasse was at hand.

Enter the chaplain. Originally it did not occur to me that a chaplain would be involved in this seemingly disciplinary matter. I was wrong. He came to me of his own volition and said that he had been approached by the patrol members and had interviewed them. They had come to him and admitted that they had acted inappropriately but not criminally. They expressed their regret for their inappropriate behavior and asked for forgiveness. The chaplain could not absolve them of their conduct, but he could volunteer to be a negotiator on their behalf.

The two of us sat down and explored the conditions and options. There was no one who was going to testify against the troopers and they appeared sincere in their regret for acting as they had. It was decided that the intercession of the chaplain on their behalf with his participation was sufficient to result in a stern verbal admonition.

If the chaplain had not been available and had he not approached me as a negotiator, it is difficult to know how the case would've turned out. As it was, I gave our chaplain a "thumbs up" for what I considered his uniqueness as a negotiator in an ambiguous situation. It was also a lesson to me about how valuable a chaplain can be in so many ways.



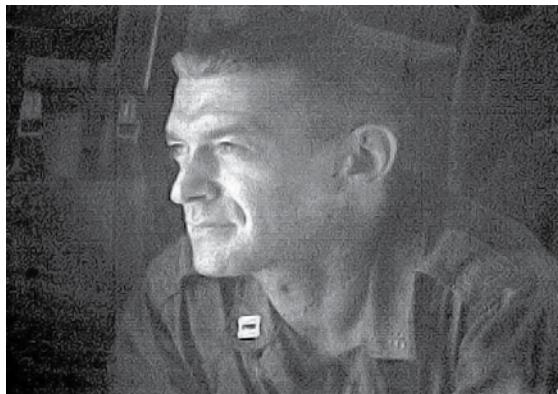
Many years later as a brigade commander whose assigned theater of operations was the Middle East, another example of a chaplain's uniqueness presented itself. To facilitate a multi-country deployment, the brigade staff members were organized into "country teams." Each staff member had to be conversant with conditions in certain Middle East countries and then participate as a group to plan and conduct effective operations particular to some designated region or country.

It was at a briefing for the visiting Chief of the Army Reserve that I had my chaplain explain conditions pertaining to deployment plans and activities to be conducted in a certain country. The briefing was very detailed and went well. Particularly noteworthy was the briefing on cultural aspects pertinent to, and important for, success, which was normally the realm of the brigade staff's civil affairs members.

The visitor commented favorably on the presentation and asked who the presenter was. It came as somewhat of a surprise to our guest that he was the brigade chaplain who was destined the next year to deploy as a member of the brigade country team to Jordan. There he conducted liaison with his counterpart, the imam of the Jordanian unit in the region our brigade was operating. On considering the success of the chaplain's briefing and his subsequent overseas deployment, it struck me again of the uniqueness that one can attribute to our Army chaplains.

The effective unit commander knows to make good use of their chaplain and exploit his or her special uniqueness. In actual practice, however, there is no uniqueness about the service he or she performs. The examples cited above were really not unique but clearly demonstrate the value, surely spiritual but also otherwise, of a well-rounded and competent chaplain. Perhaps most interesting, as noted above, is that value—hence the uniqueness—does not end when he or she leaves the uniform behind and continues to pastor to those around them. ★

Father Vincent R. Capodanno



Father Capodanno (LT, USNR), a "Servant of God," was a Roman Catholic priest killed in action in 1967 while serving as a United States Navy chaplain assigned to the 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, during the Vietnam War. He was a posthumous recipient of America's highest military decoration—the Medal of Honor—for heroic actions above and beyond the call of duty.

Nickname: "The Grunt Padre"

Born: 13 Feb 29, Staten Island, NY

Died: 4 Sep 67 (aged 38); Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam. Buried: St. Peter's Cemetery, West New Brighton, Staten Island, NY

Service/Branch: Department of the Navy, United States Navy Reserve. Years of service: 1965-1967

Awards & Decorations:

- Medal of Honor
- Bronze Star Medal w/Combat "V"
- Purple Heart Medal
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/ silver star

Source: Wikipedia



CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

PCINC LTC GARY O. ENGEN, USA (RET)
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In keeping with the MOWW Constitution (Article VIII, Section 3) and MOWW Bylaws (Article IX, Section 3), the MOWW Constitution and Bylaws Committee presents the following proposed amendments to these documents for consideration by all Companions of the Order. The Committee recommends their adoption and expressly presents them for consideration by, and the vote of, the Delegates to the MOWW “Centennial” Convention to be held in Simi Valley, CA, in August 2019.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Order
submitted by CDR Robert F. Hartman III, USN, (Ret)

A. Chapters Charter Recommendations including Definition of a “Viable” Chapter. MOWW Bylaws – Article III, Charters

1) Section 1

a. Current Language “SECTION 1. A region, department or chapter charter may be granted, revoked or surrendered with the consent of the General Staff, provided MOWW Policy Manual provisions for the same are followed.”

b. Proposed language “SECTION 1. A region, department or chapter charter may be granted, revoked or surrendered with the consent of the Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM), i.e., the Board of Directors of MOWW, Inc., a nonprofit organization, provided MOWW Policy Manual provisions for the same are followed.”

c. Rationale:

All decisions with regard to the granting, revoking or surrendering chapter charters should be made by the EXCOM, which is the governing body of MOWW, Inc when the General Staff at Convention are not in session.

2) Section 5.

a. Current language “SECTION 5. The text of a region, department or chapter charter shall be as determined by the General Staff.”

b. Proposed language “SECTION 5. The text of a region, department or chapter charter shall be as determined by the EXCOM.”

c. Rationale:

All decisions with regard to the granting, revoking, surrendering or merging charters should be informed by the MOWW Constitution, Bylaws and the Policy Manual, and made by the EXCOM.

3) Section 8 (ADDED).

- a. Current language: None.
- b. Proposed language “New chapters must be approved by the EXCOM. To receive such approval, the applicants, e.g., a cadre wishing to transition to chapter status or any other group of Companions wishing to form a new chapter, must demonstrate that they have established itself or themselves as a “viable” chapter to the satisfaction of the EXCOM. Viability may be established by taking such actions to include, but not limited to, the following steps:
 - A. Electing officers and receiving commander and treasurer training;
 - B. Applying for and receiving a federal Tax Identification Number (TIN)/ Employee Identification Number (EIN);
 - C. Filing any and all federal and other tax returns that may be required by law;
 - D. Establishing a regular meeting schedule;
 - E. Developing a Chapter Action Plan (CAP) to begin to achieve scalable, capability -based outcomes derived from the MOWW Strategic Plan, to include, necessarily, a recruiting plan; and
 - F. Reporting results as required by MOWW policy.”

c. Rationale:

For the Order to continue its missions to provide patriotic support to the youth of this country and to be effective in its other outreach efforts, it must continue to exist for its next 100 years. Viable chapters, dedicated to fulfilling the strategic goals of the Order as set out in the MOWW Strategic Plan, are essential to this effort. Chapters that never meet, or meet once or twice a year for lunch, make little or no attempts to recruit new Companions, do little or no outreach, cannot be considered as viable chapters.

Align MOWW Tax Filing Procedures with Current IRS Guidance- submitted by Treasurer General (TG) Walker



B. MOWW, Inc. should amend its IRS Tax Filing and HQ MOWW Certification procedures to bring them into compliance with current IRS guidelines and needs of MOWW, Inc.

a. Current language MOWW Bylaws, Article I, Section 10:

"SECTION 10. IRS TAX FILING AND HQ MOWW CERTIFICATION.

A. The Military Order of the World Wars (i.e., the "Parent Organization") and all chapters (AKA "sub-elements") shall have an Employer Identification Number (EIN). Other MOWW sub-elements, e.g., Regions, may also have an EIN.

- 1) Each "sub-element" (in IRS parlance) of The Military Order (the 'parent organization') with an EIN or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) shall conform to the requirements for tax-exempt status under the provisions of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code 501(c)(19).
- 2) All chapters and other sub-element having an EIN shall successfully file annually with the IRS using online Form 990-N (e-Postcard), or using other IRS Forms, as appropriate. If e-Postcards are used, sub-elements must email a copy of the IRS email saying the IRS sub-element successfully filed to the MOWW Treasurer General NLT 60 days after the end of their respective tax year.
- 3) All chapters and each sub-element with an EIN shall annually submit a MOWW Form 9 ("IRS Reporting Certification") to the MOWW Treasurer General in accordance with MOWW Policy NLT 30 September of the current year.
- 4) In certain circumstances, e.g., severe medical illnesses, death, or resignation or transfer of the chapter commander and treasurer, the Treasurer General may consider an extension request submitted in writing. The Treasurer General may approve or disapprove such requests on a case-by-case basis."

B. MOWW will not send funds to any chapter until receiving proof the subordinate organization successfully filed with the IRS and annually certified with the MOWW Treasurer General per paragraph A above.

- 1) Any subordinate organization's failure to successfully file annually before 60 days after the end of any just-concluded tax year and to certify NLT 30 September will result in the delinquent MOWW sub-element forfeiting all funds due and payable in the subsequent MOWW fiscal year. Payments shall not be made after the last day of the MOWW Fiscal

Year in which the payment was due.

- 2) The sub-element's tax year will be the MOWW tax year unless the MOWW Treasurer General is otherwise notified in writing by the respective sub-element.
- 3) The MOWW Trustees shall deposit non-distributed funds into the MOWW Endowment Fund.

b. Proposed language: Change the MOWW Bylaws, Article I, Section 10, to read as follows:
"SECTION 10. IRS TAX FILING AND HQ MOWW CERTIFICATION. The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a tax-exempt group veterans' service organization under paragraph 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code. The designation as a "group" means that all MOWW sub-elements (chapters, etc.) share in the group's tax-exempt status. It also means that any sub-element that consistently fails to meet IRS requirements for membership in the group (tax filings, etc.) will be removed from the group (by IRS) and will thus lose its tax-exempt status." With that in mind:

A. The Military Order of the World Wars (i.e., the "Parent Organization") and each (sub-element) chapter shall have an Employer Identification Number (EIN). Other MOWW sub-elements, (Regions, Departments, etc.) that have bank accounts shall also have EINs.

- 1) Each "sub-element" (in IRS parlance) of The Military Order (the 'parent organization') with an EIN or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) shall conform to the requirements for tax-exempt status under the provisions of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code 501(c)(19).
- 2) In accordance with Federal Law (26 U.S.C. §6033), all chapters and other sub-elements having an EIN shall successfully file annually with the IRS using online Form 990-N (e-Postcard) or other IRS 990-Series Forms, as appropriate. If e-Postcards are used, sub-elements must email a copy of the IRS receipt saying that their filing was "Accepted" by IRS to the MOWW Treasurer General NLT 60 days after the end of their respective tax year. [Note: Sub-elements that are required to file 990-Series tax forms other than 990-N (e.g., Form 990-EZ) will get additional time to file due to their complexity. These sub-elements must indicate successful filing by mailing a copy of their filing to the MOWW Treasurer General.]
- 3) Chapter Commanders are responsible for



insuring that their chapters file their tax returns accurately and in a timely manner. Chapter commanders may delegate this task (but not the responsibility) to other chapter officers (e.g., the Chapter Treasurer).

4) In certain circumstances, e.g., severe and prolonged medical illness, death, resignation or transfer of the chapter commander and treasurer, or prolonged disruption of the infrastructure due to natural causes (hurricane, flooding, etc.), the effected sub-element may submit a request in writing thru the Chain of Command to the MOWW Commander in Chief (copy: Chief of Staff) for extension of time to file and stating the reason(s) therefore. The Commander in Chief may approve or disapprove such requests on a case-by-case basis, based in part on the recommendations of subordinate commanders. If the request is approved, the CINC shall so notify the Treasurer General.

B. MOWW will not send PM Dividend or other funds to any chapter until receiving proof that the subordinate organization successfully filed with the IRS and certified with the MOWW Treasurer General per paragraph A above. [Note: Sub-elements other than Chapters do not receive PM Dividends.]

- 1) The sub-element's fiscal (tax) year will be as set for that sub-element by IRS. [Per IRS Publication 538, a new sub-element establishes its tax year when it files its first tax return.] Sub-elements may change their fiscal years by following appropriate IRS procedures therefor and then notifying the Treasurer General in writing of the change.
- 2) Any sub-element's failure to successfully file annually with IRS and certify with the Treasurer General before 60 days following the end of the sub-element's just-concluded fiscal year will result in the delinquent MOWW sub-element forfeiting all funds due and payable in the subsequent MOWW fiscal year. Payments shall not be made after the last day of the MOWW Fiscal Year in which the payment was due.
- 3) The MOWW Trustees shall deposit non-distributed funds into the MOWW Endowment Fund.

c. Rationale:
Over the years since Section 10 of the MOWW Bylaws was first written, IRS has changed its procedures many times, and MOWW's understanding of those procedures has improved.

This amendment separates the requirement for tax filing from the procedures for so doing; with the requirement remaining in the Bylaws and the procedures for so doing relegated to IRS publications and the MOWW Policy & Procedures Manual. This amendment also removes the requirement for MOWW Form 9, which in its present form has no use.

Also Submitted by TG Walker

C. Proposal for a minimum age for MOWW Hereditary Membership. Amendment to Article II, Section 1, Paragraph D

- a. Current Language: "Hereditary Membership. Hereditary Membership is open to citizens of the United States of America who are of good moral character and repute, and who are:"
- b. Proposed language: "Hereditary Membership. Hereditary Membership is open to citizens of the United States of America who are at least sixteen (16) years of age, of good moral character and repute, and who are:"
- c. Rationale:

No one should be enrolled in any organization without their informed knowledge and consent.

Yet in the past, there has been no age restriction as a qualification for hereditary membership in the Order. As a result, we now have a number of Hereditary Perpetual Members who, at the time their sponsors enrolled them in the Order, were too young to know what they were getting into. (Indeed, we know of two who were still in diapers.) They have never attended a meeting or otherwise participated in MOWW and most have not served in the Armed Forces. These companions serve, and have served, no purpose in the Order other than to boost the Perpetual Member Dividends of their respective chapters. Beyond that, they are simply names on a roster. Furthermore, once their sponsors have passed away, it is virtually impossible to locate these individuals.

In addition, our tax-exempt status under paragraph 501(c)(19) of the IRS Code depends on our maintaining at least 75% veteran membership. If we continue to admit children who have no idea what the Order is about as hereditary members, then non-veterans might soon exceed 25% of our membership and our tax-exempt status might become jeopardized.

We can do nothing about those hereditary companions who were enrolled without their knowledge and consent in the past. (Most are now adults and they can remain in the Order or resign, as they wish.) But from now on, we should restrict membership to those who



are old enough to join of their own free will.

By age 16, however, young people are usually enrolled in high school and capable of making an informed decision as to whether they wish to join MOWW. Most 16-year olds are thinking about the future and their role in it. Those who take an interest in MOWW are usually also interested in student government, JROTC, scouting, and other forms of youth leadership, as well as history and genealogy. There are several ways that such young people can contribute, such as perhaps writing articles for a chapter newsletter, assisting at recruiting venues like Retiree Appreciation Days, and even assisting with the operation of Regional and National Conventions, should their chapter be fortunate enough to be chosen to sponsor one. These are the types of people we want and need in our Order.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Order submitted by LTC (RET) Rollins Collins USA, Houston Chapter

D. Proposed Amendment #2. Article II Section 1 Paragraph A

a. Current Language “Regular Membership. Regular Membership is open to citizens of the United States of America of good moral character and repute who has served honorably on active duty, to include Active Duty for Training, in the Armed Forces of the United States of America (Active, Guard, Reserve) National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) or the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) as a Federally-recognized Commissioned, Flight or Warrant Officer during the period 6 April 1917 to the present, or such later date as may be determined by the Order during a Nation Convention.

b. Proposed language: “Regular Membership. Regular Membership is open to citizens of the United States of America of good moral character and repute who has served honorably on active duty, to include Active Duty for Training, in the Armed Forces of the United States of America (Active, Guard, Reserve) National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) or the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) as a Federally-recognized Commissioned, Flight & Warrant Officer, or Non-commissioned Officer pay grade E-4 or higher during the period 6 April 1917 to the present, or such later date as may be determined by the Order during a Nation Convention.

c. Rationale:

As a college student in the 1960s there were four Stages of Organizational Performance: Forming,

Norming, Storming and Performing as defined by Dr. Bruce Tuckman. In 1979, Lasley, Kellogg, Michaels and Brown defined a fifth stage, “Transforming or Adjourning”. Stage five concludes that organizations must “Transform” (change to meet changes in their operating environment and external forces on the organization) or “Adjourn” (go out of business, either because their objective has been met or because they are no longer functional). MOWW must chose to “Transform” or it will be “Adjourned” due to lack of membership. The NCO corps is our key to potential membership.

Facts:

1. The Order’s membership is aging.
2. The population of officers eligible for membership is declining. Most WWII officers are deceased or too old for chapter leadership. Korea- and Vietnam-era officers are aging and not likely to be recruited into the Order if not already members.
3. Many younger officers, NCOs and recent retirees are already key leaders of organizations we support, such as JROTC units or Boy and Girl Scout groups. They are a natural fit for our Order.

Proposed Amendment #2 to the Constitution of the Order submitted by LTC (RET) Rollins Collins USA, Houston Chapter

E. Expanding membership eligibility to Non-Commissioned Officers:

1. Today’s NCOs are vastly different from WWI and WWII counterparts.
2. Many senior NCO’s have college degrees and perform task previously reserved to officers.
3. Many former and current NCOs share our values as outlined in the Preamble and want to serve in the Order.
4. There are many more NCOs present and former than officers so they would increase our recruiting population.
5. We have been told to ask interested NCOs if they had a parent or grandparent who served as an officer to be Hereditary members. They are insulted and rightly so! The son or daughter of an officer who never served a day in the military is more valued than their service? This is an insult to a Senior NCO!
6. We have had many discussions with other Companions about the appropriate definition of Non-Commissioned Officer. We should define NCO as pay grade E-4 as that includes the largest pool of potential members. We should use the pay grade to avoid discussion of Army Specialist Ranks vice Corporal and Sergeant. Today all E-5 and above are



Sergeants.

7. The military no longer functions with the officer/enlisted class separation of WWII to Vietnam. We have transformed Officers Clubs to Community Clubs and Sports Clubs.
8. The value of a potential Companions service to the order is not based on their military rank. Example: A one enlistment E-4 who went to college on VA benefits and has gone on to a successful career in business, law, law enforcement, education. These are some of the speakers we are inviting to our YLCs as Sheriffs, Judges or community leader. Why not let them become members?

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Order submitted by SVCINC Chamberlin

F. General Staff Officers (GSO).

1. General Staff Officers (GSO).

- a. Current Language: "The Officers of the Order constitute the General Staff and consist of: General Staff Officer Members-at-Large (appointed and elected)." [REF: MOWW Constitution, Article V, Section 1, Paragraph R]
- b. Proposed language: "The Officers of the Order constitute the General Staff and consist of: General Staff Officer Members-at-Large (appointed)."
- c. Rationale:
GSOs are currently comprised of five nationally-elected GSOs and five CINC-appointed GSOs. At the request of CINC LTC Hollywood, VCINC BGen Lopez did a study of GSOs, their roles and responsibilities, their use, the needs of the Order, etc., and concluded that the Order would be best served by having up to ten appointed GSOs. After EXCOM discussion, the consensus was that the CINC/SVCINC would appoint at least five GSOs, but no more than ten, and that elected GSOs would be discontinued. GSO appointments and allocation to be made by the CINC/SVCINC upon request of VCINCs, National Committee Chairs and any other National Officer. The EXCOM supported this conclusion.

2. Selecting National Officers (GSO).

- a. Current Language: "General Staff Officer Members-at-Large (five (5) of the ten (10) members)." [REF: MOWW Constitution, Article V, Section 2, Paragraph A, Sub-Paragraph 9.)]
- b. Proposed language: "General Staff Officers (Appointed)."
- c. Rationale:
GSOs are currently comprised of five nationally-elected GSOs and five CINC-appointed GSOs. At the

request of CINC LTC Hollywood, VCINC BGen Lopez did a study of GSOs, their roles and responsibilities, their use, the needs of the Order, etc., and concluded that the Order would be best served by having up to ten appointed GSOs. After EXCOM discussion, the consensus was that the CINC/SVCINC would appoint at least five GSOs, but no more than ten, and that elected GSOs would be discontinued. GSO appointments and allocation to be made by the CINC/SVCINC upon request of VCINCs, National Committee Chairs and any other National Officer. The EXCOM supported this conclusion.

3. Appointing National Officers (GSO).

- a. Current Language: "The Commander-In-Chief will appoint five (5) of the ten (10) General Staff Members at Large. [REF: MOWW Constitution, Article V, Section 2, Paragraph B.]
- b. Proposed language: "The Commander-In-Chief and Senior Vice-Commander will appoint up to ten (10) General Staff Officers at Large."
- c. Rationale:
GSOs are currently comprised of five nationally-elected GSOs and five CINC-appointed GSOs. At the request of CINC LTC Hollywood, VCINC BGen Lopez did a study of GSOs, their roles and responsibilities, their use, the needs of the Order, etc., and concluded that the Order would be best served by having up to ten appointed GSOs. After EXCOM discussion, the consensus was that the CINC/SVCINC would appoint at least five GSOs, but no more than ten, and that elected GSOs would be discontinued. GSO appointments and allocation to be made by the CINC/SVCINC upon request of VCINCs, National Committee Chairs and any other National Officer. The EXCOM supported this conclusion.

J. MOWW Bylaws. Temporary Waiver of Annual Dues During Overseas Service. EXCOM Membership.

- a. Current Language: "Temporary Waiver of Annual Dues during Overseas Service. Annual dues-paying Companions whose return address is indicated as APO or FPO will be forwarded a notice commending them for their service overseas in serving the United States and will be advised that they are exempt from national and chapter dues until they return to the Continental United States (CONUS). When the address of the Companion changes to one in CONUS, Headquarters will advise the Companion that the exception of dues has expired and annual dues are now required to be paid. If they fail to pay their annual dues, the procedures to collect late dues will begin." [REF: MOWW Bylaws, Article I, Section 9.]
- b. Proposed language: None; delete Section 9).



c. Rationale:

MOWW neither actively tracks Companions assigned overseas to AA, AE or AP mailing addresses nor does it track Companions to move to different locations to have them reaffiliate with a chapter nearest the new home. In short, there is no gaining sponsor program *à la* the US military. Moreover, MOWW doesn't know or track overseas assignment start dates, durations and/or ending dates. Hence, this distinction has never been used. Consequently, this is neither a managed nor a needed distinction and so can be deleted.

K. MOWW Investment Portfolio.

- a. Current Language: "The Perpetual and Memorial funds ... distribution of The Officer Review®," i.e., Section 10 (which lists the current investment funds of MOWW, Inc.) in its entirety. [REF: MOWW Bylaws, Article I, Section 10.]
- b. Proposed language: "The Order shall have an investment strategy, which is a set of rules, behaviors or procedures, designed to guide an investor's selection of an investment portfolio. In addition, the Order shall have an investment policy statement setting forth the policies and procedures that shall guide the MOWW, Inc., Board of Trustees (BOT) in managing, supervising and monitoring the management of the investment funds of MOWW, Inc. The risk parameters and related return objectives set forth in this statement shall form the basis for the Order's investment strategy. The Order's investment portfolio shall be managed in accordance with high standards of fiduciary duty and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Standards for risk, return, asset allocation, diversification and liquidity shall be determined from a strategic perspective and measured over successive market cycles."
- c. Rationale: In finance, an investment strategy is a set of rules, behaviors or procedures, designed to guide an investor's selection of an investment portfolio. Individuals have different profit objectives, and their individual skills make different tactics and strategies appropriate. Some choices involve a trade-off between risk and return. Most investors fall somewhere in between, accepting some risk for the expectation of higher returns. Generally, MOWW follows a conservative approach focused on annual income generation. However, the Order has no written investment strategy. In addition, it has no supporting investment policies, which describe the processes to be used by the financial advisor or other fiduciaries in making investment decisions.

(1) The Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM_, i.e., the Board of Directors of MOWW, Inc., a nonprofit organization, has a fiduciary

responsibility to protect the assets of the nonprofit. A sound approach to investing assets by defining the nonprofit's objectives for investing, identifying the nonprofit's risk tolerance, and adopting an investment strategy and supporting policies. There are three potentially competing interests for any funds that a nonprofit invests: (1) protecting the value of the initial invested assets; (2) growing those assets to increase their value; and (3) maintaining access to the assets, in the event the nonprofit needs to tap into the investments for cash flow needs.

2) For MOWW, Inc., this involves pursuing a conservative investment strategy to generate income for the Order but that also requires some agility in the way investment assets are managed accounting-wise. Consequently, this proposed amendment replaces the list of funds, which specific funds have evolved over the decades with, for the first time, a Bylaws statement requiring an investment strategy and supporting policies (see proposed language above).

3) Financial Definitions.

- a. Current Language: "Article II, Financial Definitions," in its entirety, i.e., definitions for "Corpus," "Earnings," "Principal," "Surplus Funds" and "Net Assets." [REF: MOWW Bylaws, Article II.]
- b. Proposed language: None; delete Article II in its entirety and renumber remaining Articles accordingly.
- c. Rationale: The definitions represent only the smallest fraction of those applicable to the investment management while generally ignoring financial management. In addition, they are not current or sufficient in many respects. It is better to use modern definitions prevalent in the fields of investment and fiduciary management, but due to the exhaustive number of such terms and the fact that listing even some of them in the Bylaws would be insufficient to purpose and would add no value to the activities and processes involved, such definitions should not be listed in the MOWW Bylaws.

L. General Staff Officers (GSO).

- a. Current Language: Bylaws: Article V, Section 1(B-3): "If the CINC is replaced by the SVCINC, a VCINC will be selected by the General Staff to fill the SVCINC position and the vacant VCINC position will be filled by one of the five (5) At-Large (i.e., elected) General Staff Officers, as determined by the General Staff. Bylaws: Article V, Section 1(I): "General Staff Officers (GSO). 1) General Staff Officers-at-Large: Two (2) of the ten (10) General Staff members-at-large shall



be assigned by the Commander-in-Chief to each of the five (5) Vice Commanders-in-Chief, and they shall constitute a staff to assist the respective Vice Commanders-in-Chief by: i. Preparation, processing and presentation of staff studies, as directed by the Commander-in-Chief or assigned Vice Commander-in-Chief. Assignment of preparation, processing, and presentation of a staff study shall include designation of the General Staff Member-at-Large who shall be responsible for carrying through the studies to completed action. This shall include necessary coordination with other Vice Commanders-in-Chief, National Officers and Chairs of Committees, to include (in every case) the Policy Planning Committee, prior to submission to the assigning officer. The Commander-in-Chief shall be consulted as necessary and appropriate. ii. Monitoring the activities of standing and ad hoc committees assigned to the Vice Commanders-in-Chief by the Commander-in-Chief. Exempted from such assignments shall be committees chaired by the Commander-in-Chief, Vice Commanders-in-Chief, Past Commanders-in-Chief, or others specifically designated by the Commander-in-Chief. iii. Representing, as requested, the Commander-in-Chief or a Vice Commander-in-Chief at designated functions within the Order. iv. Performing other duties as may be assigned by the General Staff. 2) The Chief of Staff shall be kept informed of the activities of these General Staff Officers and provide such assistance as may be feasible to assist them in carrying out their duties.”

b. Proposed language: Replace Article V, Section 1 (B-3) with: “If the CINC is replaced by the SVCINC, a VCINC will be selected by the General Staff to fill the SVCINC position and the vacant VCINC position will be filled by one of the appointed General Staff Officers, as determined by the General Staff.

b. Proposed Language. Replace Article V, Section 1 (I) with: “General Staff Officers-at-Large: Up to ten appointed GSOs will perform such duties as directed by the CINC/SVCINC. The Chief of Staff shall be kept informed of the activities of these General Staff Officers and provide such assistance as may be feasible to assist them in carrying out their duties.”

c. Rationale: GSOs are currently comprised of five nationally-elected GSOs and five CINC-appointed GSOs. At the request of CINC LTC Hollywood, VCINC BGen Lopez did a study of GSOs, their roles and responsibilities, their use, the needs of the Order, etc., and concluded that the Order would be best served by having up to ten appointed GSOs. After EXCOM discussion, the consensus was that the CINC/SVCINC would appoint at least five GSOs, but no more than ten, and that elected GSOs would be discontinued..

GSO appointments and allocation to be made by the CINC/SVCINC upon request of VCINCs, National Committee Chairs and any other National Officer. The EXCOM supported this conclusion.

M. Committees and Councils.

a. Current Language: Provided immediately below. [REF: MOWW Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1.]

“SECTION 1. Except for the Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM), the following committees shall serve as Standing Committees of the General Staff and of the National Convention:

- A. Boy and Girl Scouts Committee
- B. Chapter Activities and Awards Committee
- C. Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- D. Education & Training Committee [Section revised by National Convention approval in 2016]
- E. Ethics Committee
- F. Finance Committee [ADDED, 2018 MOWW Convention]
- G. Historical and Archives Committee
- H. Homeland Security Committee
- I. Honors and Protocol Committee
- J. Information & Publicity Committee [Sub-section revised by National Convention approval in 2012.]
- K. Law and Order Committee
- L. Legislative and Resolutions Committee
- M. Magazine Committee [Sub-section revised by National Convention approval in 2012.]
- N. Membership Committee
- O. Memorials Committee
- P. MOWW-Pershing Rifles Group Committee [Section revised by National Convention approval in 2016]
- Q. National Convention & Seminars Committee
- R. National Security Committee
- S. Nominating Committee
- T. Patriotic Education Committee
- U. Strategic Planning Committee
- V. ROTC Committee
- W. Veterans Affairs [Sub-section revised by National Convention approval in 2015]”

b. Proposed language:

- 1) Rename Paragraph A from “Boy and Girl Scouts Committee” to “Scouting Committee.”
- 2) Delete Paragraph B, “Chapter Activities and Awards Committee.”
- 3) Delete Paragraph G, “Historical and Archives Committee.”



- 4) Delete Paragraph H, “Homeland Security Committee,” and Paragraph R, “National Security Committee,” and replace with “National and Homeland Security Committee.”
 - 5) Delete Paragraph I, “Honors and Protocol Committee.”
 - 6) Delete Paragraph P, “MOWW-Pershing Rifles Group Committee,” and merge responsibilities into the “ROTC Committee” (Paragraph V).
- c. Rationale:
- 1) Renaming the “Boy and Girl Scouts Committee” to the “Scouting Committee” streamlines the committee title and accommodates the fact that boys and girls may be part of what is now known as “Scouts BSA.” Specifically, on October 11, 2017, the Boy Scouts of America announced that girls would be welcomed into Cub Scouts beginning in fall of 2018, with an early adopter program beginning on January 15, 2018 in councils that wish to participate early. The announcement included the statement that girls in Cub Scouting will simply be called “Cub Scouts” but that a name would need to be given to the new Boy Scout equivalent program for girls that will launch in February 2019; the name will be “Scouts BSA”
 - 2) Deleting the “Chapter Activities and Awards Committee,” which currently selects chapters for MOWW’s GAS Pershing Award (formerly, the Chapter Activity Award), in favor of a standing GAS Pershing Award Working Group (SVCINC Chair, four VCINCs as members) that would annually select this award’s recipients, an arrangement to be outlined in the MOWW Policy Manual vs. the MOWW Bylaws. The SVCINC/VCINCs hold strategic leaders positions, and so are in the best position to determine the degree to chapters best achieved MOWW’s Strategic Goals, which is the thrust of the award.
 - 3) Delete Paragraph G, “Historical and Archives Committee.” This committee has not met or functioned for years. For example, it renders no annual report, instead referring the reader to the Historian General’s annual report. This proposed amendment is supported by the Historian General.
 - 4) Delete Paragraph H, “Homeland Security Committee,” and delete Paragraph R, “National Security Committee,” and replace them with “National and Homeland Security Committee.”
 - a) Clearly, the homeland security and national security arenas have some significant overlaps with each other. However, while both are departments in the United States’ Executive Branch and while both have varying roles and responsibilities despite their overlaps, MOWW’s interests in these two

areas do often overlap—particularly as they relate to MOWW speaker programs or other interests.

- b) In addition, a recent National Security Presidential Memorandum (NSPM-4) reorganize the National Security Council by subordinating the Homeland Security Advisor to the National Security Advisor. Whereas NSPM-2 had given both the National Security Advisor and the Homeland Security Advisor responsibility for “determining the agenda” of the National Security Council or Homeland Security Council, NSPM-4 provides this authority to the National Security Advisor alone. The memo allows that the Homeland Security Advisor may determine the agenda for meetings at the “sole discretion” of the National Security Advisor. Likewise, the new structure of the Principals Committee makes clear that the Homeland Security Advisor may only convene and chair the PC at the “sole discretion” of the National Security Advisor. Clearly, these two domains are seen as inexorably linked, hence for practical purposes, this proposed amendment.
- 5) Delete Paragraph I, “Honors and Protocol Committee.” This committee, which ostensibly focuses on the annual MOWW Convention, has not functioned in over a decade. Instead, this function is performed by the Order’s Chief of Staff (who determines the annual MOWW Convention agenda as approved by the CINC), as supported by the national headquarters staff and the convention’s host chapter. Thus, there is no need for a standing committee.
- 6) Delete Paragraph P, “MOWW-Pershing Rifles Group Committee,” and merge PRG-related responsibilities into the “ROTC Committee” via a second Vice Chair (PRG) (Paragraph V).



2019-2020 NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATES

PCINC COL CLAY C. LE GRANDE, USA (RET)
CHAIR, MOWW NOMINATING COMMITTEE



“IT IS NOBLER TO SERVE” VOLUNTEER AS A CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

The 2019 MOWW Convention will be held in August 2019 in Simi Valley, CA. Every Companion can fulfill the promise of MOWW’s motto, “It is nobler to serve than to be served,” by running for an elected leadership role or by volunteering for an appointed position. Become a candidate for national elected or appointed office!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Companions: please email the following Companions with your candidacy preference.

Remember: if you’re running for elected office, you need a nominating official!

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• **Vice Chair, Nominating Committee**

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• COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

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- BGen Frederick R. Lopez, USMC (Ret)

• VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: (4):

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"WHAT'S MY PLACE IN THE ORDER?"

BRIG GEN ARTHUR B. MORRILL III, USAF (RET)

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This column could just as well been a "Bravo Zulu" article, and it really is, but it's also about each of us finding our place in the Order.

Recently, the Commander, Northern Virginia Chapter, and I were providing some training to our editor of the chapter's newsletter, "The Companion." Periodically, we'd stop and respond to questions this young Companion had about the training he was being given. His questions were always spot-on, focused and thoughtful. At the end of the training session, I asked him if he had any last questions about anything we'd covered. He thought for a few moments and then asked, "*What's my place in the Order?*"

His question took us aback. We weren't taken aback because it was a poor question. To the contrary, we were taken aback because it was the most insightful and selfless question we've heard recently. This young Companion—only 15 years old—was clearly thinking hard about what it meant to be a Companion. He wanted to be the best Companion for the Order. His question demonstrated he wasn't reluctant to ask for mentoring and information as a part of selflessly being that "best Companion."

Nick Reese, in his online article, "The Secret Art of Asking for Advice (and Mentorship)," says:

Asking for advice isn't easy. It takes guts, vulnerability, and the willingness to acknowledge a problem that you aren't sure how to solve. For many, this can be a scary place, yet good advice can be transformative, especially when it's coming from someone who's already been in your shoes and [has] succeeded.

Garrett Vowinkel, sitting before his grandfather, NoVA Chapter Commander PCINC CAPT Russell

C. Vowinkel, USN (Ret), and I was certainly in the position described by Nick Reese. In fact, Nick might just as well have been speaking of Garrett specifically. Garrett *does* have guts and he *is* willing to ask anyone for information that could be helpful to him being a better Companion for the Order, which is the mark of a self-starting servant-leader.

In Anna Windermere's online article, "How to Be an Effective Member of an Organization," she spoke of behaviors associated with success:

An effective member of an organization displays certain behaviors and characteristics that are necessary for success. Effective members usually possess the ability to communicate well with other members, take the lead, generate solution-oriented ideas and work efficiently to put those ideas into action. Their effectiveness often leads to more opportunities in the organization as well as more respect from other members.

Garrett is all of that and more. Because he is, his mentors were mentored by him—and that was a good thing for all concerned.

In this magazine's last issue [*The Officer Review*, January-February 2019], CINC LTC Hollywood wrote about these things in his "Commander-in-Chief's Perspective." He said:

As Companions we share two things. First, we share a responsibility for enhancing our Order by robust and widespread volunteerism in such areas as leadership, recruiting, outreach and recognition. In particular, we should especially treasure our new Companions because they bring energy, innovative ideas and a desire to make a difference now.



I think the CINC was talking about HRM Garrett B. Vowinkel and the other Companions—experienced and inexperienced—like him. ★



IT IS NOBLER TO SERVE ... SO GET NOBLE!

CPT (DR) ROBERT E. MALLIN, USA (FMR)
SURGEON GENERAL, MOWW

Now that we're in the spring season, we want to do more and be more active. Certainly, we want to be in good shape for active volunteering, which can be vigorous. Sports, ROTC, veteran's celebrations and reenactments come to mind. In other words, it is time to get more in shape.

Here are some tips! Although year-round exercises are at best a moderate commitment, they're preferred over heavy exercising on an irregular basis. We all know the benefits of exercise. It can control and even lower blood pressure. It can lower blood sugar. It can also yield better moods and improved sleep patterns etc. Joint pains and constipation issues may also be improved. However, it is difficult to actually lose weight by exercise alone, e.g., burning 3500 or more calories than are taken in equals one pound lost. Exercise will help along with lower caloric intake and healthier nutrition. Movement of almost any kind keeps one healthier.

Check with your Doc, of course—first! The overweight, heart- or blood pressure-handicapped or chronically ill may need a medico to plan things out.

Rock climbing, marathon running and triathlons are not where to go without extensive training. A better plan to get moving may be initiated by walking in a friendly mall—provided you're not stopping to shop in every store. Eliminating escalators and walking stairs strengthens balance and the muscles. You can even keep track of your daily steps through devices such as a Fitbit watch, e.g., the "Versa."

It's easy to sign up for aerobics, swimming or water exercises. Being supported in water minimizes weight-bearing fatigue and sore feet. Stretch before and cool down after. Liberal re-hydration with electrolyte fluids (e.g., Gatorade) is more physiologically beneficial than drinking water. Thirty minutes of exercise three times a week keeps your cardiovascular system fit, as do more fruits and veggies. Even

exercises that do not raise your heart rate above the "magic" 120 beats per minute still help.

Tips for getting in shape the healthy way include avoiding "quick fix" traps. Make small changes, consistently. Avoiding the scale is controversial but scale don't reflect gaining muscle. Better metrics are such as miles run each week, weights lifted, fitness classes attended, fast food meals avoided, healthy meals prepared, and fruits and vegetables. Other ways to assess results include how your clothes fit, your energy levels and (blush) even your sex drive. Importantly, stop comparing yourself to others. Bodies come in all shapes and sizes with differing metabolic rates, body fat percentages and capabilities. Judge your own progress. Regular exercise helps you achieve both physical and mental wellness. Make movement part of your life

Build lean muscle and body confidence with strength training. Strength training is a secret to maintaining a healthy body and mindset throughout every season of your life. It gives your metabolism a major boost by increasing your metabolic rate, thereby allowing your body to burn more calories throughout the day. It also increases lean muscle mass and overall strength, helping to improve your performance, endurance, and energy levels. Communicate your goals to people in your life who will hold you accountable, help you overcome obstacles and keep you from going crazy with extremes. Don't crash diet. Just eat healthy and learn about nutrition and how to eat to feel well.

Stop criticizing your body. Obsessing is detrimental to your health. You're going to be in your skin for the rest of your life—get comfortable in it. Think beyond the bathing suit. After all, health is about living mindfully for your entire life.

*Do try this at home ...
and be well! ★*



THE LIVING SACRIFICE

LTC CHERYL D. BRADY, USA (RET)
CHAPLAIN GENERAL, MOWW

"Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

As an army of patriots, we are either marching onward to victory or onward to certain death. No entity of the magnitude of the Military Order of the World Wars can sustain itself without the willingness of Companions to be living sacrifices.

MOWW is a vehicle for goodness in the nation. The primary purpose of a car is to transport us from one point to another. The function of a car's engine is to convert fuel into mechanical motion, which makes it possible for the car to move. Low fuel, bad fuel, even no fuel—all of these have a negative effect on the engine's ability to do its job and the car to fulfill its purpose.

Think of the Order as a car, Companions as the engine, and volunteering as the fuel. Each of us should ask ourselves, "Is my level of service registering empty, a quarter tank, half tank, three fourths of a tank or full?" In other words, am I doing all I am able, gifted and qualified to do in the service of others as a Companion? Am I a positive, contributing force? The current fuel level of our Order is a factor in our individual and collective ability to convert the Preamble from mere words to actual achievements and grow the Order in numbers and in service to youth, veterans and others.

By the grace of God we are writing a spiritual history of service with our lives that cannot be underestimated. It is up to us to continue reinforcing with our communities and the nation that our Order has a message worth listening to, with that message backed up by service that converts our message into reality.

We are called to love, not just in word or tongue, but in deed and in truth. And because love never fails, we need every able-bodied Companion steadfastly standing based on these four pillars:

- *Exemplify Service:* It is our active involvement in the service of others that we "inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and the Flag." Whatever your hands finds to do, do it with all of your might.
- *Promote Service:* Be the Companion you want to see in others. Let your positive light of service shine before all men.
- *Lead in Service:* Our gift makes room for us to serve. Every gift God has given the Order is to be used for His glory and the good of others in service.
- *Achieve Service:* God knows your works, love, service, faith and patience. Be diligent in presenting your service for God's approval. ★





LTG Middleton Chapter, LA

Installation of Officers for 2019

BY LTC REGINALD BROWN, USA (RET)

On 11 December 2018 the Baton Rouge Chapters of MOWW and MOAA collaborated to host the 2018 Christmas Gala. The United States Marines Corps were honored guests and Companions made donations to the USMC Toys for Tots campaign. A highlight of the evening was the chapter's installation of officers for FY 2019-20.

Top photo, (l-R): LTC Shaun B. McGarry, USA (Ret); COL Ulysses S. Hargrove, USAR (Ret); Ms. Jonnie Dorris; COL Fred A. Palmer, USA (Ret); Col David W. Couvillon, USMC (Ret); Lt Col Joseph Meyer; Maj Rodney L. Breland, USAF (Ret); LTC Reginald Brown, USA (Ret). Below left (l-R): Sergeant Martinez, USMC; LtCol Reverend Benjamin F. Tandy, USAF (Ret); First Lieutenant Kruse, USMC (Captain, 2019 January 1). Below right (l-R): Col David W. Couvillon, USMC (Ret); Sergeant Martinez; First Lieutenant Kruse, and COL Fred A. Palmer, USA (Ret).

Brig Gen Scott Chapter, GA

A Tale of American Civilians Trapped in the Philippines during WWII

BY MAJ ROBERT KOMLO, USAF (RET)

What a story-teller we had for the chapter's January meeting! Dr. Scott Walker, Director of the Institute of Life Purpose and Senior Lecturer at our local Mercer University campus in Macon, GA, presented "The Edge of Terror: The Heroic Story of American Families Trapped in the Japanese-occupied Philippines."

This little-known story tells of the brave American civilians on Panay. Drawing on diaries, memoirs, family interviews, and military archives, Dr. Walker described daily life during the occupation and the danger these Americans faced in their efforts to serve both God and country. His book is a story of profound tragedy and miraculous escape. Our lecturer and his book recalls one of the most intense and dramatic accounts to emerge from World War II.

(L-R): Dr. Scott Walker was presented a MOWW Certificate of Appreciation by MAJ Robert Komlo, USAF (Ret).



Dallas Chapter, TX

A March in Honor of our Nation's Heroes

JUNE 2018 DALLAS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Memorial Day offered a golden opportunity to teach a group of 50 young Boy Scouts of America lessons in citizenship. Past Chapter Commander, Capt Paul W. Brown, USAF (Fmr), was asked by the City of Dallas Mayor's Office to address the Scouts, who had gathered to support the Memorial Day activities of the "Carry the Load" event at Reverchon Park. For more information visit: www.carrytheload.org/site/PageServer?pagename=dallas_memorial_march





Clearwater Chapter, FL

Outstanding Service Award

BY LTC DAVID MASON, USA (RET)

On 24 June 2018, the chapter held its annual induction ceremony at the Belleair Country Club. A MOWW Outstanding Service Award was presented to LTC Richard P. Keating, USA (Ret), for his superior performance in the publishing of the Chapter's newsletter, "*The Chatter*", for three consecutive years, after filling the position of the Clearwater Chapter Commander.

(L-R) Past Chapter Commander LTC Dick Keating, congratulated by current Chapter Commander LTC Steve Hodges, USA (Ret).



Puget Sound Chapter, WA

CDR Timothy J. Allen Awarded SPH

BY IPCINC COL DAVID GIBSON, USAF (RET)

CDR Timothy J. Allen, USN (Ret), was awarded the MOWW Silver Patrick Henry Medal for Patriotic Service at the on 13 January. His work with cadets to support patriotic education and his commitment to the Washington State Patriotic Day for the past several years is notable and commendable.

Photo left (L-R): CDR Allen received his SPH plaque and medal from Chapter Commander LtCol Richard W. Muri, USAF (Ret). Photo right, (L-R): Bridget Allen pins the SPH medal on her surprised husband.



General Meade Chapter, MD

Year of the Veteran in Maryland

BY COL ERWIN BURTNICK, USA (RET),

Governor Larry Hogan proclaimed 2019 as the Year of the Veteran in Maryland. Governor Hogan is an advocate for veterans and plans to introduce legislation to exempt military retirement income from state tax.

Pictured at a reception in the Maryland State House following the ceremony are (L-R): CINC LTC John Hollywood, USA (Ret); MAJ Clement Goodwine, Jr., USA (Ret), Commander of the Prince George's County Chapter; Governor Hogan and GSO COL Erwin Burtnick, USA (Ret), who is also a Commissioner on the Maryland Veterans Commission. Photo credit: Executive Office of the Governor

Col Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter, AZ

Senior Aerospace Science Instructor Newest Companion

BY LTC PATRICK STOLZE, USA (RET)

Lt Col Allen E. Kirksey Jr, USAF, (Ret), was sworn in by CINC LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret), on 19 January.

Lt Col Kirksey is a retired Air Force Officer and Arizona native who instructs the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Maricopa High School. He and his cadet Color Guard participated in the chapter's successful Massing of the Colors at Marcos de Niza High School in Tempe, AZ, on 7 December 2018.

(L-R): Lt Col Allen E. Kirksey Jr is pinned with the MOWW Membership Medal by CINC LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret).



COL Woolsey Chapter, CA

The COL Woolsey Chapter's Holiday Festivities

BY VCINC BGEN FREDERICK R. LOPEZ, USMCR (RET)

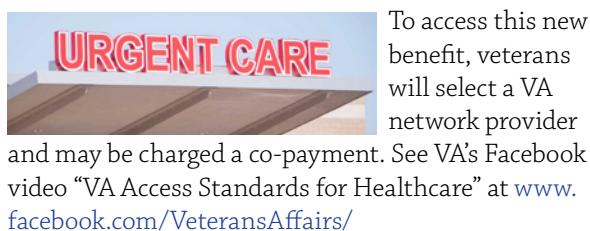
The COL George C. Woolsey Chapter's Holiday 2018 Dinner meeting was a great success. During the awards segment of the dinner, the chapter presented an Outstanding Service Award, two Bronze Patrick Henry Medals, and one Silver Patrick Henry Medal.

Top Left, (L-R): Mr. Dennis Merenbach received the Outstanding Service Award Certificate and Medal for outstanding performance as the chapter's Judge Advocate General and chairman of numerous committees. Top Right, (L-R): Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion and Medal recipient Naval Sea Cadet Connor Wilcox, Silver Patrick Henry Medallion and Medal recipient LCDR Dawn Rademacher USNSCC, BGen Lopez, and Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion and Medal recipient Naval Sea Cadet Ricky Rademacher.





New Benefit! Eligible Veterans Will Have Access to Urgent Walk-In Care.



and may be charged a co-payment. See VA's Facebook video "VA Access Standards for Healthcare" at www.facebook.com/VeteransAffairs/

To access this new benefit, veterans will select a VA network provider

Purple Heart Vets Will Get Disability Claims Moved Quicker



Veterans who earned a Purple Heart during their military service will now have their veterans disability claims moved ahead of other requests.

"Those who hold the Purple Heart, the recognition of wounds taken in battle, will now receive priority consideration when it comes to claims," Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie told members of the House Appropriations Committee. The new policy will go into effect on 1 April.

The move follows existing department rules which give priority classification to Purple Heart veterans who request medical appointments at VA hospitals. Those veterans are also exempt from all co-payments for their medical care.

But the move raised concerns among some advocates who noted that many serious wounds of war like post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury aren't often recognized with the military medal.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart estimates more than 35,000 Iraq War veterans and more than 22,000 Afghanistan War veterans have received the medal, one of the best known military honors in the country. It's the oldest U.S. military decoration, first presented as the Badge of Military Merit by Gen. George Washington during the American Revolution. Just how much of an impact the benefits change will have on VA case processing is unclear.

As of last week, the department's caseload of initial benefits claims includes more than 83,000 that have been pending for more than 125 days, the

department's target for rendering a decision. That figure has been mostly stable for the last three years, after spiking above 600,000 in early 2013.

The policy change won't affect supplemental claims or veterans' appeals.

This article by Leo Shane III was published in the Military Times, February 2019.

Experience The New www.Va.gov



VA has completely revamped VA.gov. New design, improved features, simple navigation. Veterans asked for one user-friendly website to connect to all VA benefits and services—VA delivered. From refilling a prescription to checking the status of a claim, the new VA.gov offers veterans an entrance to all their VA needs in one location. Check it out!

VA's "Appeals Modernization Act"



A new law which streamlines VA's current claims

and appeals process for veterans took effect on 19 February 2019. The Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017, was signed into law 23 August 2017, represents one of the most significant statutory changes to benefit veterans in decades.

Effective now, veterans who appeal a VA claims decision have three decision review options:

- Higher-Level Review, Supplemental Claim and Appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals.
- In the Higher-Level Review option, a more experienced adjudicator will conduct a new review of the previous decision.
- Veterans who select the Supplemental Claim option may submit new and relevant evidence, and VA will assist in developing new evidence under its duty to assist.

If veterans appeal a decision to the Board, they can choose one of three dockets: direct review, evidence or hearing. For more information on Appeals Modernization, visit www.va.gov/decision-reviews.



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