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The Military Order of the World Wars

# The Companion

San Diego Chapter...Founded 30 August 1926

#### The Preamble

To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity:

To inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and the 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."



#### **CHAPTER COMMANDER VIEWS**

All active Companions of our Chapter surely know that our greatest gratitude and admiration is owed to Colonel Cark Kholos for outstanding leadership and stewardship as Chapter Commander during the past three years. We also are indebted to Sheri Harris for her invaluable service as the Chapter Patriotic Education Program Chairperson and for taking a strengthening role on the Chapter Staff. Chapter achievements in the recent years have been significant and too numerous to count, and the highly successful hosting of the 2012 National Convention stands out as a milestone that any chapter of our Order will admire. We can be encouraged that Clark has taken up engagement with officials of local law enforcement and public safety associations to build a more effective relationship between our Chapter and the men and women who daily endeavor "to maintain law and order", and we expect that some Companions will present themselves to join Clark in this new emphasis, now and throughout the year. Those of you who may have waited for the just the right time to thank Clark and Sheri should bring your words of appreciation to the Chapter meeting on June 17, or send your own congratulations and gratitude to them now!

We must also note that Captain Dave Dahmen, USN Retired, has completed many <u>superb</u> years of service as Chapter Treasurer this month, as he passed the account to LT Darryl Peralta. Dave will be missed on the Chapter Staff, and is continuously prized as an exemplary Companion of the Order. Dave, Well Done, Sir!

Being mindful of the many serious responsibilities of chapter commander, I ask that Companions join in a Campaign to strengthen membership, beginning with refreshing the accuracy and completeness of Chapter rolls and establishing a Gallery of Companions that includes a photograph and biography synopsis of all Companions. Look for details in this issue's new "Members Campaign Quadrant" where Adjutant Craig Noble will be posting current and historic information about members and some tools we will use to meet our several Campaign goals.

We will host some Pearl Harbor Survivor San Diego Chapter members to be our guests at the June 17 Luncheon meeting, as first phase of monthly practice to include some uniquely distinguished Veterans at our Luncheon gatherings, to provide the privilege of our meeting and knowing some other great Americans, while we still have the precious opportunity. For this month only, our guest Veterans will also bring our program, as they relate their experiences of war and service, and some keys to their sustaining vibrant life in their chapter.

All Companions are encouraged to recommend other such groups that are known to you, for future monthly meetings, in order to establish a schedule of their presence, so that we can also invite some officers of local military units and other potential sources for new members, or at least partners, to attend meetings that we intend to have multiple attractive features (those 'invitees' would attend as registered paying visitors, rather than as 'guests').

Realizing that my name and nature are not familiar to some of the Chapter, my personal contact information is included below, as well as at the Staff listing on page 4, both my phone and my new email address which you all are urged to use to communicate on any matter of interest to you as a Companion of the Order at any time. Also, please be assured that this portion of the newsletter will not be nearly so long in future issues, and to accept my thanks for bearing the one-time lengthiness on this debut.

Semper Fidelis, Jack Harkins

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#### JROTC CADET PRESENTATIONS AT CHAPTER MEETING MAY 20, 2013

At our May Chapter Meeting and Luncheon we were privileged to receive excellent original presentations from four of the ten JROTC Cadets who toured Washington D.C. April 1-6, on the trip that was paid for by our Chapter Memorial Fund and was chaperoned by our ROTC Chairman LTC Dave Guzman and Ms. Christine Yeun. We were so impressed by the quality of the oral presentations made in that dining room filled with Companions and guests that it was certain to us that the 2013 Patriotic Seminar represented the best and highest use of the funds that made it possible.

Brief excerpts from the presentations are provided here and the full texts will be placed on the Chapter website as soon as feasible for our full appreciation of the quality of the young citizens we support and the worth of the annual capitol tour:

Cadet Julia Sterling from San Diego High School, the 2013-2014 San Diego Unified Joint Brigade Commanding Officer, told us "Washington D.C. is the heart of this country. It is the capitol which holds our history and the symbol for democracy and freedom throughout the world. It is not only the home to our President and our government, but also the city that tells the story of America's past. And as you look around this beautiful city, with its green grass, calm water, and incredible architecture, one word comes to mind. This word not only encompasses everything our capitol stands for, but also the price of its existence. This city's beauty goes far beyond its appearance; it lies in its meaning. Its monuments and memorials leave lasting impressions on any person that has the honor of visiting them. The World War II Memorial, with its pillars representing each US territory that fought for the freedom of the Western World, its inscriptions of patriotism and pride, its rainbow fountain, and its Freedom Wall with 4,000 gold stars, each laying tribute to 100 American lives lost next to an inscription that reads 'Here marks the price of freedom' ... This word was sacrifice...."

Cadet De Shawn Walker said "There are many different skills that taking a patriotic education trip to Washington D.C. would teach a student. The one I wish to speak on is Leadership, our past, our present, and our future leaders that make it and will make it possible for this generation to thrive.

Do you realize how lucky we are to have so much to look up to? So much to model ourselves after. So many influences. Influences that do good and that foster good, but what about those who are good, all the time, when people aren't watching. What about those who fight for good outcomes, who fight for good situations and better circumstances. What about those who fight for human rights, common equality or advancement in our society. Those who permeate generation after generation in a positive way. Those who we call leaders. Leader, leading, leadership. Society defines leadership as the ability to lead, guidance, and direction. ... The students that attended this year's MOWW Patriotic Seminar in Washington D.C. define leadership as being able to mentor someone by helping them learn to be confident, to have integrity first, and to always put service above self. ..."

More to follow: we can expect genuinely fine achievements by young people receiving preparation such as is apparent already.

### Members Campaign Quadrant

**Companions** are requested to 'Watch This Space' for the building actions of a new Campaign that we intend to strengthen and increase our membership.

**To start:** we ask all Companions to participate in improving the accuracy and span of our knowledge about all our members by completing a tailored profile page that has some redundancy to MOWW National's profile, but more specific career and education and national service information requests. It will have a format similar to:

San Diego Chapter Companion Profile.

Name. Mailing Address. Email Address. Phone #s Home, Business, Mobile. Date & Place of Birth.

Federal Rank Attained. Married Spouse's Name, Date of marriage.

Chapter Memberships - list all. Highest MOWW Position Held.

Biographical summary.

A recent photograph of each Companion is also requested with: subject facing forward, showing head to waist.

Photos will be paired with profiles to build a 'Gallery of Companions' in electronic and printed versions

A 'photo stand' will be operated at the next several Chapter Meetings to support this request. Members need only attend a meeting and be photographed by one of the Gallery team to meet this request. Companions unable to attend meetings may have a digital photo made at home and have it send electronically to the Adjutant.

Every Companion of our Chapter is sincerely valued and respected. Members who cannot participate in all or most Chapter activities for whatever reason, are still important to the Chapter, thus we want to have at least this must information about each member in order to be familiar enough to recognize and greet you whenever we may have opportunity to see you.

This is completely voluntary, of course. Privacy preferences will be respected, and a one-time decline of these requests is all that is necessary to convey a refrain from participation.

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#### **JUNE GUESTS**

### The Pearl Harbor Survivors San Diego "Carnation Chapter"

The great men and women of San Diego Pearl Harbor Survivors are vigorously carrying on their Chapter's life, despite the closing of the national organization two years ago. They are mutually resolved to keep alive the memory of the December 7, 1941 ordeal and America's perseverance to ultimately achieve victory over its enemies. Their example of devotion to the ideals of their association and to fellowship with one another stands as inspiration to the entire community. They still carry their stories to schools, civic groups, and clubs, to tell about being in the first battle fought by U.S. forces in World War II, the desperate struggle to defend against or evade the surprise attack across the island of Oahu, Hawaii that Sunday morning. Perhaps just as significantly, they assemble together faithfully every month to keep their tradition of service to country and to one another.

Their Chapter President Jack Evans can also tell you about his participation in "Massing of the Colors" in San Diego as far back as decades ago. Come meet these great Americans, and bring your camera to be photographed with them and bring a keep sake page to get their autographs—and bring a guest of your own!



#### **2013 MOWW CONVENTION**

August 12-18, 2013

Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West 1590 LBJ Freeway.

Dallas, TX 75234

Phone: (972) 869-4300, Fax: (972) 869-3295 For phone reservations, call 1-800-THE-OMNI (800-843-6664) and reference "Military Order of the World Wars".



### **San Diego Chapter**



### **General Meeting & Luncheon**

**Monday June 17, 2013** 

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

#### **ANCHORS CONFERENCE CTR**

Bldg 3210, 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Naval Station, SD ENTER FROM SOUTH MAIN STREET OR I-5

### ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET \$16.00

Home Style Buffet: Entree Varieties of Meat, Chicken, Turkey, and Vegetables, Salads, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert

Reservations Due Friday June 14, 2013 Email or Phone to:

### **Adjutant Craig Noble**

Reservations @ 16.00 Each

craignoble@cox.net (619) 656-2757

Total Amount Enclosed				
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Pay at Chapter Table in Luncheon Room

Cash Or

Check payable to "San Diego Chapter, MOWW"

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Membership classifications:

Regular Membership, renewed yearly.

Perpetual Membership, granted once for life and perpetuity. Hereditary Memberships, which may be granted to spouses and descendants of officers, Regular (yearly), or Perpetual.

The San Diego Chapter convenes monthly for luncheon meetings and conducts numerous special activities with and for civic, educational, and service programs. Visitors are welcome and are encouraged to contact the Chapter for dates, times,















## SAN DIEGO CHAPTER WEBSITE www.sandiego-moww.org Join us on FACEBOOK

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** June 24, 2013

### June Birthdays

- 6 LCDR RICHARD WECKERLE
- 9 LINDA STURAK
- 13 LT EINAR BACKSTROM
- 19 COL RUSS HANTHORN
- 27 COL HARRY RIDGE JR
- 28 LCDR TAD RILEY
- 30 PAULINE YODER

### June Anniversaries

- 10 Henry & Suzanne Johnson
- 13 John & Jean Gewalt
- 16 Tad & Phyllis Riley
- 21 Warren & Jo Cormier
- 21 James & Margaret Gordon
- 22 Barclay & Vivian Bell
- 24 Teddy & Sonia Datuin
- 25 Rex & Arlene Gygax
- 28 Charles & Jackie Harding

#### Prayer

Thank You once again for a new today. "It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect." Let this be the prayer for all my countrymen, for the leaders and our military, for our people as we rest in You today; as we wait upon You for our new assignments in life. Reconcile and unite our families. "The LORD is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid?"

#### Amen

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#### CALENDAR

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<u>EVENT</u>	DATE	TIME	<u>WHERE</u>	
Staff Meeting	July 8	9:30 AM	TBD	
Chapter Luncheon	July 15	11:30 AM	Anchors Center	
Staff Meeting	Aug 5	9:30 AM	TBD	

**Chapter Anniversary** 

Celebration Aug ?? TBD TBD