



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;*

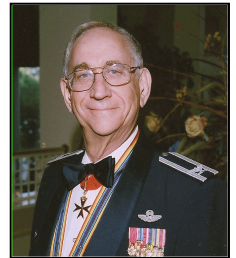
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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

It was our great honor to have CAPT **Cedric E. Pringle** and members of **USS Makin Island** as our presenter and guests at the April luncheon. His presentation and accompanying video was great. It left us all convinced that we can trust our future in the hands of this US Navy team. During the April luncheon LtCol **Jack R. Harkins** was elected as our next Commander and CAPT **Thomas Marshall Jr.** as our next Senior Vice Commander. They will be installed in June. The JROTC cadets will describe their recent experience at our Nation's Capital at the 20 May luncheon. LTC **David Guzman** and **Christine Yeun**, the trip chaperones, will conduct the program. Please attend and show your support for this program. Be sure to display your flag this coming 18 May for **Armed Forces Day** and 27 May for **Memorial Day** observed. Also remember or do something special for the ladies in your life on **Mother's Day** on 12 May. I have personally begun to take action to improve our chapter's involvement to support **Law and Order** in our community. We would also like to do more in support of **National Defense, Scouting** and the other objectives of our Order's Preamble. If you wish to take a leading or supporting role in any of these activities, please let me know. We need you. **Col Clark Kholos**



## The 58th Annual Massing Of The Colors May 4, 2013 Balboa Park San Diego



Color Guards of The Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, The USS San Diego, The USS Makin Island, The American Indian Warrior Association, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Junior ROTC Units waiting in the Assembly Area to be joined by many other flag bearing teams units for the Parade of Flags in the Massing of The Colors.



Medal of Honor Recipients for Gallantry in the Vietnam War  
Left to Right

Colonel Robert Modrzjewski, USMC Retired

Mr John Baca, US Army Veteran

Colonel Jay Vargas, USMC Retired

Gathered in the Massing of Colors Reception with Chapter Companions, prior to taking places on the Reviewing Stand for the Parade of Flags and Service of Remembrance.

## May Highlights in History

**5 May 1865** - Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to h and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, thus creating a three-day holiday weekend.

**11 May 1862** - To prevent its capture by Union forces advancing in Virginia, the Confederate Ironclad *Merrimac* was destroyed by the Confederate Navy. In March, the *Merrimac* had fought the Union Ironclad *Monitor* to a draw. Naval warfare was thus changed forever, making wooden ships obsolete.

**14 May 1796** - Smallpox vaccine was developed by Dr. Edward Jenner, a physician in rural England. He coined the term vaccination for the new procedure of injecting a milder form of the disease into healthy persons resulting in immunity. Within 18 months, 12,000 persons in England had been vaccinated and the number of smallpox deaths dropped by two-thirds.

**26 May 1940** - The Dunkirk evacuation began in order to save the British Expeditionary Force trapped by advancing German armies on the northern coast of France. Boats and vessels of all shapes and sizes ferried 200,000 British and 140,000 French and Belgian soldiers across the English Channel by June 2nd.

**29 May 1865** - Following the American Civil War, President Andrew Johnson issued a proclamation granting general amnesty to Confederates. The amnesty excluded high ranking Confederates and large property owners, who had to apply individually to the President for a pardon. Following an oath of allegiance, all former property rights, except slaves, were returned to the former owners.



### LOOSE SUTURES Thomas J. Marshall, Jr. CAPT MC USN (Ret.)



Since the recent events in Boston, I thought Companions might be interested in knowing a bit about the way in which explosives produce wounds. There are four mechanisms by which explosives produce injuries, the blast shock wave, the blast wind, fragmentation and what are known as secondary effects.

When an explosive detonates the first event that occurs is the propagation of the blast shock wave. This wave travels out from the source of the blast at several thousand miles per hour. It compresses or crushes everything in its path including the very air itself. Luckily, this is rapidly dissipated as it travels outward from the center of the blast. The compression of the air molecules which the blast wave produces gives rise to a relative vacuum as the wave passes. This produces the second effect of the blast, the blast wind. The blast wind, which occurs milliseconds after the blast wave passes, can reach speeds of over 1000 miles per hour, as air molecules rush in to fill the vacuum produced by the blast shock wave. These two effects account for the majority of the damage produced by the explosion. They account for the people who are vaporized by the blast and most of the physical destruction, i.e. blown down buildings and the like which is caused by the explosion. What enables people and structures to survive an explosion is the fact that the two most destructive effects of an explosion, the blast shock wave and the blast wind, decrease by a factor equal to the square of the distance from the center of the blast. Thus, at a distance of 10 meters from the center of the blast, these effects are only 1/100th as powerful as they are at the center of the blast. After a certain distance from the center of the blast these effects are insufficient to produce death or major destructive effects. This distance is generally referred to as the "kill radius".

Beyond the "kill radius" most of the damage and injuries produced are caused by fragmentation and secondary effects. These injuries are usually survivable and the physical damage produced is usually much less than within the "kill radius". Fragments of the explosive device, itself, or surrounding structures, i.e. wood, glass, concrete, stone, etc., near the explosive device when it detonates are driven outward at supersonic speeds and it is the impact of these fragments which produce the horrific but often survivable wounds seen after an explosion. The final destructive effects of an explosion are produced by secondary impacts. These are things, such as, people being injured by collapsing buildings, weakened by the initial blast, fires started by the blast or people injured when they are outside the "kill radius", who are hit by the shock wave or blast wind, which is now no longer strong enough to kill them but is still sufficiently strong to throw them to the ground or against a wall producing an injury.

As you can see, an explosion can produce injuries in many fashions, unlike a simple projectile which only wounds in one way. Because of this, explosives possess a destructive capability far in excess of that of a firearm. For this reason, they are, and will remain, the preferred weapon of the terrorist.





### **Tribute to Vietnam Veterans at Massing Of The Colors May 4, 2013, Balboa Park, San Diego**

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters of San Diego and Escondido California each received tribute mementos from the Guests of Honor: Medal of Honor Recipients John Baca, Colonel Jay Vargas, and Colonel Robert Modrzejewski and from Major General Bobby Butcher, U.S. Marine Corps Retired and Distinguished Flying Cross recipient, who was the keynote speaker.



**San Diego High School Athletes Compete in Navy SEAL Invitational** Athletes from six San Diego-area high schools participated in the third annual Navy SEAL Invitational at the Naval Special Warfare Center April 20. The six high schools each brought teams of seven athletes to compete in a race comprised of Navy SEAL physical training techniques. (Navy Region Southwest eNews).

### **Distinguished Warfare Medal Eliminated**

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on Monday eliminated the Distinguished Warfare Medal, opting instead to create a new distinguishing device to affix to existing medals. "Utilizing a distinguishing device to recognize impacts on combat operations reserves our existing combat medals for those service members who incur the physical risk and hardship of combat, perform valorous acts, are wounded in combat, or as a result of combat give their last full measure for our nation," reads Secretary Hagel's April 15 explanation of his decision.

### **Replacement Flags for Miramar National Cemetery**

There is a unique opportunity for anyone who would you like to own one of the 50 flags that currently fly at the National Cemetery at Miramar. If interested, call or contact Col. Galen Seal, USAF Retired, at (760) 445-1982 or email at [gseal@cox.net](mailto:gseal@cox.net). The cost is \$42 dollars per flag.

### **SD County Emergency Mobile Application**

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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, and locations of current meetings.



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**CALENDAR**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
Staff Meeting	6 May	9:30 AM	Revere Center
Chapter Luncheon	13 May	11:30 AM	Anchors Conference
Staff Meeting	3 Jun	9:30 AM	Revere Center
Chapter Luncheon	10 Jun	11:30 AM	Anchors Conference