



# THE COMPANION



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## CHAPTER COMMANDER MESSAGE

We proudly concluded the 2014 year of fine achievements for MOWW Companions and for participants in the Order's many admired programs. This message will focus on 2015 endeavors, with my strong hope that every member of the San Diego Chapter will take some active role in one or more of the actions that we undertake on behalf of the entire Chapter and the greater San Diego region community.

The Chapter Commander Bulletin is now serving to provide a rapid email and postal mail message to announce various news and alert items to Companions and to our Chapter partners:

- ◆ Schedule of the monthly Chapter Assembly (with luncheon).
- ◆ The Chapter Staff Musters dates/times/ locations.
- ◆ Special announcements, including Companion welfare and morale items, and short-notice alerts on Military and Veterans programs /events in the area.

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Our San Diego Chapter joined the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce this month, and thereby gain new opportunities for stronger communication and connection with a much larger number of professional and business leaders. Significantly, this Chapter will be introduced to the Chamber's distinguished "Defense, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee ('DVM')", as the newest DVM member organization, at the January 2015 DVM meeting. Membership in the Regional Chamber places us in the company of several of the leading Military and Veterans non-profit organizations in San Diego including "Fleet Week", "Military & Family Services", "USS Midway", "Veterans Museum and Memorial Center", and "Wounded Warrior Homes" among others. We hold a membership level that affords our

attendance and participation in monthly and quarterly members-only networking and promotional events, and the Chapter Staff will open the opportunity for all Companions who will do so to attend one or more of these as a representative of MOWW San Diego to do so as one of our two-person attendance teams in the months ahead.

A noteworthy slate of Chapter events is now in place for the following 2015 Milestone Actions, and I urge all Companions who can participate on one or more of the Milestone Committees to volunteer swiftly with a phone call or email, which you can make to directly to me or to Adjutant Craig Noble.

**January:** MOWW Community Support Luncheon to recognize members of the pillar service sectors including public education, law enforcement, public safety, and civic patriotic service.

**February:** MOWW Scouting Tribute Luncheon for leaders and Scouts at all levels of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. ....Continued on page 2

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**March 21:** "Massing of the Colors" and "World War II Veterans Honors Ceremony", in the Balboa Park Club main hall: Be a part of this Tribute and Remembrance which will be the first of several 2015 observances of the 70th Anniversary of WWII Victory. Watch for a special Commanders Bulletin dedicated to the planning of this event.

**March:** The Chapter's Annual JROTC National Capitol Tour and Seminar for Cadets to receive a guided visit to the Capitol and to New York with educational / patriotic seminar elements throughout the tour.

**June 21-25:** MOWW Youth Leadership Conference at San Diego State University: Five day residential pinnacle educational and developmental seminar for high school students from San Diego and the surrounding region.

Details on all the above facets for the year will be rapidly forthcoming. I welcome your requests and comments at MOWWSANDIEGO@gmail.com and (619) 804-3200. **Semper Fidelis, Jack Harkins**

### Veterans Resource Center to Open

A new Veterans Resource Center is opening at the Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common. The Center is modeled on the successful Veteran's Resource Center at the Point Loma-Hervey Library and is funded by a federal Veterans Connect @ the Library grant. Beginning in February, the Central Library Center will be open from 2 to 5 pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays. The Center includes books and informational brochures and is staffed by trained volunteers and non-profits, such as Veterans Community Services, who can help veterans of all ages and status access services and benefits. **Col Clark Kholos**

### Historical Tidbits

For most people, January is the month of the New Year, football, easily forgotten resolutions and not much else. For students of history, however, it is also the month in which one of the pivotal battles of the American Revolution occurred. This battle is the Battle of Princeton which occurred on 3 January 1777.

This battle, which is often overshadowed by its more famous counterpart, the Battle of Trenton, which occurred 10 days earlier, is nonetheless a crucial event in the American War for Independence. After the battle of Trenton, which was an overwhelming American victory, the British Commander in New Jersey, Lord Cornwallis determined to eliminate Washington's army once and for all. He marched from the main British base in New Brunswick with 8,200 men on 28 December 1776 and arrived in Princeton on 1 January 1777. Leaving 1,200 men in Princeton to hold the town and secure the British supply train there, he marched on Trenton with his remaining 7,000 men, on the following day.

American skirmishers harried his men along the entire line of march and forced him to clear the Trenton in house to house fighting. By the time the British had cleared the town of American skirmishers, it was 1600 and night was beginning to fall. Cornwallis decided to rest his weary troops and ordered them to pitch camp rather than advancing on Washington's main position which was on a hill on the other side of Assunpink Creek, just outside of the town. He planned a formal assault on Washington's position for the following morning.

Washington, however, was not content to await Cornwallis' assault. Realizing from reports that he had received from spies that Cornwallis' supply train was guarded by a relatively small force at Princeton only twelve miles away, he decided on a bold course of action. He left a small force of only 500 men in position at Assunpink Creek, with orders to build as many camp fires as possible and to continually pound the ground with picks and shovels to convince Cornwallis that his army was digging in to await his assault. While this was occurring, Washington silently slipped the remainder of his army away over a small bridge several miles beyond the British left flank. His army then marched on Princeton. At Stony Brook Bridge, three miles south of Princeton, Washington's advance guard collided with two British Regiments marching toward Trenton to reinforce Cornwallis. Initially, the British had the better of the fight. However, Washington rapidly deployed the remainder of his troops and personally led them in an assault on the British, who had deployed behind a fence. After an initial volley by both

### 2014 Holiday Party

The Holiday Party was great fun with door prizes, trivia and laughter. Enjoy the pictures of some of our Companions and guests who attended the festive afternoon!



sides, the Americans swarmed over both British flanks. Threatened with encirclement, the British broke and ran in a disorganized rout towards Princeton. The Americans pursued the British vigorously and overran the remaining British troops in Princeton, forcing them to surrender or flee for their lives. Eventually, over 300 surrendered and Washington was able to burn the British supplies and ammunition before slipping away to higher ground around Morristown, from which he could threaten the British headquarters in New Jersey at New Brunswick. This forced Cornwallis to retreat from Trenton and the British to withdraw all of their other garrisons in central and southern New Jersey to more defensible positions along the Raritan River around New Brunswick.

The battle of Princeton was significant on several fronts. First, it demonstrated Washington's tactical brilliance. When confronted with a superior enemy force which made the error of dividing its strength, he attacked the weaker British force which controlled the stronger British force's supplies. He destroyed this force and with it the stronger British force's supplies. He then placed his army in a position from which it could threaten his enemy's headquarters. Cornwallis' only tactical option at this point was to withdraw. His retreat resulted in the collapse of the entire British position in central and southern New Jersey.

Secondly, Washington managed to return the ma-

jority of New Jersey to American control, which buoyed American morale and enthusiasm for the Revolutionary cause. This was a major accomplishment after the many defeats of the summer of 1776 in New York and northern New Jersey.

Finally, this victory, along with the earlier one at Trenton, enabled the American Army to survive to fight on at a time when its collapse and dissolution was a very real possibility.

The Battle of Princeton is one of the pivotal battles of the American Revolution that often receives little of the recognition that it deserves.

**Companion Thomas J. Marshall, Jr. MD FACS  
CAPT MC USN (Ret.)**

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY

“God, as we start a new year, remind us of all we have to be proud of in America. We are proud of our cities, our farms, and our schools, our hospitals, our monuments, our history, our discoveries, our knowledge, our creativity, and our vision. But mostly, we are proud of our people—individuals from all walks of life and from all ethnic traditions. Our people, more than anything else, defined who we are. Help us to act and speak in ways that make us all proud to be Americans. Our strength is our people. Amen.”

**Prayers for our Country Daily Prayer Book  
January 1st**

## Meet Companion Kholos

**Colonel Clark J. Kholos, USAF Retired**, is the Commander, Department of Southern California, Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) and an Ombudsman with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR).

Colonel Kholos was born December 23, 1936, in Pittsburgh, PA. He has a BA in Economics and Business Administration from Chapman University, and a MA in Management from Webster University. He is a graduate of Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, Professional Military Comptroller School, Academic Instructors School, and the Navy Defense Resource Management Course.

Enlisting in the USAF in August 1955, he served as an Airborne Radio Operator on C-47 and C-119 aircraft. He was commissioned and received his navigator wings in 1960 and assigned to McGuire AFB, NJ, where he flew as a navigator and instructor navigator on C-118 aircraft. Other duty stations include South Ruislip Air Station, England, Norton AFB, CA, Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, Norton AFB, CA, HQ Mil-

itary Airlift Command, Scott AFB, IL, (Chief, Mission Analysis Division, Directorate of Management Analysis, and Chief, Documentation Branch, Control Division, Directorate of Budget), Little Rock AFB, AR (wing comptroller), Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill AFB, UT (Comptroller), and 60th Military Airlift Wing, Travis AFB, CA (Comptroller). He retired from active duty 30 June 1989 with 34 years service.

Colonel Kholos is a master navigator with more than 8,600 flying hours, including 560 combat flying hours accumulated on 269 missions. He has flown T-29, C-47, C-118, C-119, AC-130, C-130, and C-141 aircraft. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four devices, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal.



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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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**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."

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 02 Eben Longfellow
- 07 Capt Debbie Kash
- 10 LTC Frank Schoen
- 17 COL Pete Houben
- 25 CWO Joe Brunner
- 28 MAJ William Hutgen



**MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES**

- 62 CPT Barclay Bell
- 49 LCDR Alfred Cope
- 41 Mark Engel
- 39 LTC Gordon Kinley
- 37 Marjorie Carroll
- 28 RADM Richard Camacho
- 20 LT Einar Backstrom
- 17 COL Harry Ridge
- 04 CDR Ted Parsons



Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom.  
*Albert Einstein*