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MOFW CONVENTION SETS NEW VISION FOR THE ORDER!

National and State Commandery Officers, National Delegates, State Delegates, Companions and guests gathered on 5 – 7 May 2011 in Arlington, VA for the 50th Convention of the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States (MOFW) and what an exciting and successful three days it was! Convention activities were non-stop from the time the “traditional” Commander-General’s Reception Thursday evening and the Convention was called to Order on Friday Morning, 6 May until the final farewells at the elegant Banquet on Saturday night. Eleven of the 14 existing State Commanderies were in attendance – California, District of Columbia, European & African, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Virginia.

The first order of business was the recognition, ratification and introduction of the three new State Commanderies approved for Chartering by the National Council, those new Commanderies being the European & African Commandery, the North Carolina Commandery and the Virginia Commandery. Recognition was also given to the California Commandery which is now in the process of being revitalized and reorganized. This effort is being led by Companions Ron Dunn and Michael Teilmann. The state Commandery has formally been re-established in Sherman Oaks, CA. Companion Dunn represented the California Commandery at the Convention. Secretary-General Trombetta outlined the new administration’s appointment of Organizing Secretaries in seven (7) states and the Order recognized the Organizing Secretaries appointed to bring the states on line: John C. Silva III (Arizona), Arthur N. Tulak (Hawaii), Kevin L. Waldroup (Indiana), Frederick L. Hauck Jr. (Massachusetts), William G. Lockhart (New Hampshire), James E. Halterman (Ohio), and William J. Potterton (Wisconsin).



Convention Leaders (L to R) PC-G Bartrem, Sec-Gen Trombetta, C-G Lindenau, JA-G Burch, SVC-G Russell

Under Old Business the delegates discussed three important agenda items. The first had to do with proposed venues and methodology of the meetings of the National Council. The National Council has the power to act between Conventions in order to conduct the necessary business of the Order. The Constitutional question posed was the manner in which the Council was allowed to meet – in person, by email, telephone, fax, US mail, any other communications means or only by one means or by a combination of means. The Order’s JA-G, J. Thomas Burch Jr., provided his interpretation of the Order’s Constitution and it was his opinion that the matter of how the meeting was held was not directly specified in the Constitution. After discussion, the delegates voted to amend the Constitution to allow the National Council to meet using any and all communications means available.

The second action was most unfortunate, indeed; however, the Order in Convention was required to formally ratify the National Council’s removal of the former Commander-General in November 2010.After intense discussion a vote was taken..... and the action was ratified by an overwhelming majority. Accordingly, the former Commander-General will be listed historically as having ended his term of office after 18 months.

The third agenda item under Old Business was the discussion of and approval of Amendments to the Constitution. The Constitution was last amended in April 2003 and the latest amendments were needed to bring the document up to date. Briefly the major amendments discussed and approved were: (1) adding The Persian Gulf Conflict, The Kosovo Campaign, The Global War on Terrorism, and The Iraq and The Afghanistan Campaigns to the list of wars, expeditions and campaigns required for Companionship; (2) adding a Deputy Judge Advocate-General and a Secretary-General for Legislative Affairs to the list of Officers of the Order; (3) Defining and/or expanding the duties of the Commander-General, The Judge Advocate-General and the Deputy, The Secretary-General for Legislative Affairs, and the Webmaster-General; (4) clarifying the powers and responsibilities of the National Council in regard to meetings and the removal of a National Officer for cause; (5) specifying the host state Commandery is responsible for preparing the Minutes of a National Convention; and (6) established three medals that may be awarded by the Order in Convention, the Commander-General and a State Commandery. All proposed

amendments, both major and minor, were approved and plans are being formulated to have the new Constitution printed and distributed.

Under New Business, the newly developed National MOWF Strategic Plan was introduced and discussed. The plan was developed to provide the Order attainable goals and objectives for this biennium and beyond. The plan was disseminated to all in attendance and will be sent to all leaders in the near future. Copies of the Strategic Plan may be obtained by contacting the Secretary-General. A second new business agenda item was the subject of Commandery flags. As far as it was known at the Convention, only 3 State Commandery flags are in existence – the District of Columbia (DC), Maryland and New York. The Maryland and New York flags are in accordance with the flags as shown in the Order's History but the DC flag differed in both the coloring and the lettering. It was noted that the absence of a National flag representing the Order has hindered the Order's ability to join certain select organizations and it was proposed and approved that the DC flag be adopted as the National Flag of the Order after certain changes are made in regard to lettering. DC will then obtain a Commandery flag in line with the traditional State Commandery flags of the Order. A decision was made to investigate a bulk purchase of flags so each state would be able to purchase its own flag at a reasonable cost.

Plans were discussed and approved for a new MOWF Recruiting Medal and the need for the Order to open a National Office in Washington, DC. The Order has the chance to obtain office space in DC for only the cost of utilities and the Commander-General announced his successful plan to secure this office space. A permanent National Office will enable the order to be fully recognized by the various coalitions of major veteran's organizations.

The Nominations Committee announced its recommended nominees for the next biennium and the nominees were approved. At the request of the Commander-General, the Treasurer-General provided a brief overview of the Order's financial situation and a discussion regarding the Head Tax ensued. After some discussion, the Convention voted to raise the annual Head Tax from \$ 6.00 per Companion to \$ 10.00 per.

The Commander-General initiated a discussion concerning the Order supporting other entities that, in turn, support our Veterans and their families. After discussion and a vote, it was decided that the Order would begin by supporting the "Thanks USA" organization which would result in requesting the State Commanderies to also contribute to this support in the future.



The Order's Future-Companions Mark Hartell (L) and Keith Butler.

The Time and Place Committee announced the next Convention would be held in 2013 in Rhode Island. The Convention then adjourned until the

Banquet and the Installation of Officers. Meanwhile, the spouses and guests of the Convention delegates were treated to outstanding tours of the Hillwood Estate, the Carlyle House and finally Mount Vernon, the home of George and Martha Washington.

The traditional Saturday evening formal banquet was the final outstanding event of the Convention. During cocktails, all were serenaded with music from the Strolling Strings. At the call to assemble for dinner, the Joint Service Color Guard from Fort Meyer presented the Colors, the traditional toasts were made, and dinner was served.



We ate, we talked, we enjoyed!

The guest speaker was the former Secretary of State (62nd), the Honorable Lawrence Eagleburger, who spoke on the competition the US faces with China as well as a variety of other topics. Former 1LT Eagleburger was enrolled as a Companion in the Order and was presented his MOWF Insignia as well as an elegant brass eagle commemorating his presentation to the Order. The newly elected and appointed National officers of the Order were administered their oath of office by Past Commander-General Duane Bartrem and the Consideration of the Institution of the Order was read by Past Commander-General Thomas Wiener. Thus came to a close the highly successful 50th MOWF Convention and the beginning of the 2011-2013 biennium.



C-G Lindenau (L), Guest of Honor Eagleburger (C), Sec-Gen Trombetta

COMMANDER-GENERAL'S MESSAGE

The 50th Military Order of Foreign Wars Convention concluded on 7 May 2011, and I believe it was a portend of things to come...the high point of it was our formal on the evening of 7 May, and in my opinion, it capped a well organized, well attended, and most enjoyable Convention. The reason I believe that the Convention points to the direction the MOFW is taking, is because I sensed real enthusiasm and commitment in all attendees (note that 11 of our 14 Commanderies were represented). There was an open exchange of ideas, and new directions were discussed and endorsed. Now the "hard work" follows, and I am confident that the dedicated acceptance of the 50th MOFW Convention Commandery representatives is the collective spark we need to grow this worthy and unique organization. In my memory, for the first time in the history of the Order, the MOFW has a strategic plan with goals, objectives, and a methodology to implement this plan. Moreover, our Constitution has been amended, new rewards for exceptional service and performance have been added, three Commanderies have been chartered, and more are in the offing, close to 170 new members were recruited, and we have "forward momentum". With your help this shall continue. I thank you for this opportunity to serve and I applaud the enthusiasm so evident, and ask that you join me in committing to growth and success of our Order.

Wulf R. Lindenau
COMMANDER-GENERAL

FROM THE TREASURER-GENERAL

Please be advised that the Order in Convention raised the Head Tax from \$6.00 to \$10.00 per Companion. This increase was needed to restore balance to the Order's financial situation. For the past few years, due to a declining membership and a failure of some Commanderies to pay their annual Head Tax, the Order has been forced to "dip" into its financial reserve to cover annual expenses. This financial situation could no longer be ignored as the Order would soon be facing a money crisis. No one likes to raise any fees but this increase was vitally needed. As of this writing, the Florida and Pennsylvania Commanderies have not paid their Head Tax for 2010. In addition, West Virginia is in arrears for 2009 and 2010, New Jersey for 2009 and California for 2007, 2008 and 2009. This announcement of Commanderies in arrears is not made to "embarrass" these Commanderies but to emphasize the Order's need to raise the Head Tax.

Charles D. McCall
TREASURER-GENERAL

FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I regret to report that our Convention's Guest Speaker and distinguished and most recent Companion in the Order, the Honorable Lawrence S. Eagleburger, passed away on 4 June 2011. Companion (1LT) Eagleburger was a Korean War Veteran who told me a short time after the Convention that he had made many speeches in his lifetime but being in the presence of the wonderful and decorated men and women of the Military Order of Foreign Wars was one of the highlights of his career. Ironically, although we had sought him out as our Convention's distinguished guest, in the end, he was the one who was thanking us for our service and our support to the Nation. This wonderful soldier and patriot will be missed and we were pleased to have enrolled him into our Order.

FROM THE SURGEON-GENERAL

Many members of the MOFW have had service in Vietnam and have been exposed to Agent Orange. The VA has determined that many diseases are associated with Agent Orange exposure. Veterans with these diseases may be eligible for disability compensation and health care benefits. Similarly, surviving spouse, children, and dependent parents of veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and died from diseases associated with Agent Orange exposure may be eligible for survivor benefits. The Agent Orange related diseases are: Acute and Subacute Peripheral Neuropathy, Alamyloidosis, Chlorcne, Chronic B-Cell Leukemia, Diabetes (Type 2), Hodgkins Disease, Ischemic Heart Disease, Multiple Myeloma, Non Hodgkins Lymphoma, Parkinson's disease, Porphyria Cutanea Tarda, Prostate Cancer, and cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea and bronchus. Some soft tissue sarcomas are also included. Additionally the VA has deemed that Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is a service related condition if a person afflicted has served more than 90 days of continual military service. Any MOFW Companion with one of these conditions should contact their local VA hospital or VA regional office to assure themselves of any disability due them. More specific information on Agent Orange issues may be found on the VA website (www.va.gov) under the Office of Public Health and Environmental Hazards, Agent Orange: Diseases Associated with Agent Orange Exposure. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that the flu risk in the USA is currently low. Flu shots are recommended for certain populations notably those over 65 because the aging immune system is not as able to fight off infection as well as the younger one. The CDC has a plethora of information on flu risks on its website www.cdc.gov/flu.

Michael E. Carey
SURGEON-GENERAL

From the Supply Room

50th Convention Specials. *The Centennial Medal.* In the early 1990's, under the auspices of then Commander-General Chalmers Dale, the New York Commandery began planning to celebrate the 100 years of service by our Order to the Nation by hosting a Centennial Celebration in New York City. A miniature Centennial Medal was designed and procured by then Pennsylvania State Commander, Charles Reilly, and offered to the Celebration attendees at a modest cost. Early this year the Order discovered the medal's die and a supply of ribbon was located at CHRONOMATIC, Inc. and an arrangement was made to produce a limited number of these miniature Centennial Medals for the Convention. For those of you who were not able to attend the Convention but would like to own a Centennial Medal, a few are available from the QM-G for \$25.00 on a first-come, first-served basis. *The MOWF Keychain.* For the 1993 Convention in New York City, a MOWF Keychain was designed and distributed by the New York Commandery as a "keep sake". The Key Chain is medal with a gold finish, with the Insignia of the

Order as its logo, and is a great collectible item. Two (2) of these attractive and distinctive Key Chains remain at a cost of \$ 12.00 per. The Key Chains will not be produced again. And last, *The Bola Tie.* Need a tie but hate to wear a necktie or a bow tie? Are you a proponent of Line Dancing? Live west of the Mississippi River or south of the Mason-Dixon Line? Need something to go with your western Boots? The MOWF Bola Tie is for you! A Convention Special price of \$ 3.00 puts one around your neck! To order the Centennial Medal, the MOWF Key Chain, and/or the MOWF Bola Tie, send a check or money order, payable to "Treasurer-General, MOWF", to the QM-G, 2516 Bauernschmidt Drive, Baltimore, MD 21221-1738. **Order all 3 today cause' when they're gone – there're gone!**

Ronald R. Sommer
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

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THREE NEW STATE COMMANDERIES

Three new State Commanderies were Chartered at the 50th Convention, the first time since 1995-97 that new Commanderies have been welcomed into the Order. The 3 Commanderies are: the European and African (E&A) Commandery, the North Carolina Commandery and the Virginia Commandery. Although the European and African Commandery has been up and running since late last year, its then approval by the National Council was confirmed by an affirmative vote of the Order in Convention. The Commander of the E & A Commandery is MAJ Kelly M. Cahalan and accepting the Charter for the Commandery was its National Delegate, COL Christopher V. Herndon. North Carolina's Charter was accepted by its former Organizing Secretary and new State Commander, COL David T. Ulmer and the Virginia Commandery Charter was accepted by its Commander, COL Christopher V. Herndon. As you know it takes a minimum of 15 Companions to request a Charter from National and these 3 states each far exceeded the minimum requirement. The Order thanks the Organizing Secretaries – COL Ulmer for North Carolina and COL Chris Herndon for the E & A and Virginia Commanderies - for their outstanding and dedicated efforts to bring these Commanderies on board.

MAHGREB LIONS CHAPTER

The European and African Commandery has authorized and instituted a Commandery Chapter in Mahgreb, Morocco. Called the Mahgreb Lions Chapter, the forming Companions are Captain Craig Collings (USMC), MAJ Rodney D. Erickson (USA), LtCol Andrew Hamann (USAF), MAJ Philip A Messer (USA), MAJ Kevin V. Minor (USAF), MAJ Scott E. Sturtevant (USA) and MAJ John R. Wyatt (USA). Although the Order's Constitution limits a state to only one Commandery, there is no limit on the number of chapters the State Commandery may authorize. For those geographically large states, starting chapters may the way to go in order to enroll those whose distance-to-travel to Commandery events may be prohibited. There is no minimum number of Companions needed to begin a Chapter so it only takes one Companion to get the ball rolling.

Welcome aboard
MAHGREB LIONS!

SERVED IN OR DURING

Candidates for enrollment in the Military order of Foreign Wars of the United States (MOFW), when being interviewed, are always asked "Which war, expedition, or campaign do you claim for Veteran or Hereditary Companionship?" The Order's founding fathers chose the Revolutionary War, The War with Tripoli, The War of 1812, and The Mexican War as the qualifying conflicts for Companionship in their new Order. The Spanish-American War (1898-1899) was added at the turn of the century and since that time new wars, expeditions and/or campaigns have been added to the eligibility list. Between 1900 and 1916, three expeditions and campaigns were added, all three mostly forgotten by many today. Two of the three expeditions/campaigns were influenced by the Monroe Doctrine while the third was brought about by a rebellion one-half the world away.

The origins of anti-Western feelings in China date back to at least the Opium War between Britain and China (1839-1842). These feelings worsened as the 19th century progressed as Western colonial powers, as well as Russia and Japan, negotiated for, leased and even seized large portions of the Chinese Empire. Following the Sino-Japanese War, more concessions were forced on the Chinese Empire, including the seizure of the cities of Kiaochow and Tsingao by Imperial Germany. These latest acts resulted in the rapid growth of a little known secret anti-Western Chinese society known as the *I Ho Ch'uan* (Righteous Harmonious Fists) but called "Boxers" by Westerners. The Boxers called for the expulsion of all "foreign devils" and their Christian converts and in 1898 they dramatically increased their anti-foreign attacks, to include killings and the burning of foreign

owned homes and businesses. Western government's protests to the Chinese Dowager Empress, Tzu Hsi, went unanswered and she prevented the Chinese Army from intervening to contain the Boxers. As a matter of fact, she secretly supported the Boxers and their cause. By the spring of 1900, Boxer violence was virtually unchecked by Chinese authorities so on 30 May, the foreign ministers at Peking or Peking (today known as Beijing) called for troops to protect the legations and their families. Four Hundred and thirty sailors and marines from eight countries (including 56 sailors and Marines from the USS Oregon and the USS Newark) arrived in Peking between 31 May and 4 June. On 9 June the boxers began attacking foreign property in Peking and the senior foreign minister, Great Britain's Sir Claude MacDonald, requested a sizeable relief force be sent. A relief force of over 2100 men (mostly sailors and marines) from Great Britain, Germany, Russia, France, the United States, Japan, Italy and Austria left the city of Tientsin on 10 June under the command of British Admiral Sir Edward Seymour. However, the Boxers so badly battered the column that it was forced to return to Tientsin on 22 June. On 5 August the allied powers, with an assembled 20,000 man force (2000 Americans with over 500 US Navy and Marine personnel) departed Tientsin and after fighting 2 major battles against huge Chinese forces (the Chinese Army had joined the Boxers by this time) arrived at Peking by 14 August. Over the next few months the force spread out from Peking breaking up concentrations of Boxers, the end result of which was the Chinese government outlawing the Boxer Society (1 February 1901) and the signing of the Peace Protocol of Peking on 7 September 1901. For the United States, the China Relief

SERVED IN OR DURING *cont.*

Expedition convinced its leaders that the retention of the Philippines and the maintenance of a strong presence in the Far East were vital to America's National Interest. Fifty-nine (59) Medals of Honor were awarded during the China Relief Expedition – 33 to US Marines, 22 to US Navy and 4 to US Army personnel.

The Monroe Doctrine is a policy of the United States, introduced on 2 December 1823 by President James Monroe, which states that any effort by European nations to colonize or interfere with states in the Americas would be viewed as acts of aggression requiring US intervention. The Doctrine was issued at a time when many Latin American countries were on the verge of declaring independence from the Spanish Empire and has become a long standing tenant of American foreign policy, being invoked many times by Presidents and statesman since 1823. The Monroe Doctrine helps to explain the keen interest the United States had and continues to have in the affairs of our southern neighbors.

Nicaragua is located about midway between Mexico and Columbia, bordered by Honduras to the north and Costa Rica to the south. It extends from the Caribbean Sea on the east coast to the Pacific Ocean on the west coast, to include a series of islands and cays located in the Caribbean Sea. At first a colony in the Spanish Empire, it was later part of the Mexican Empire until it became its own nation in 1838. Much of Nicaragua's history since independence has been characterized by a political rivalry between the liberal elite of the city of Leon and the conservative elite of the city of Granada. It is interesting to note that at one time an American adventurer, William Walker, declared himself President in 1856 and ruled until driven from power by a coalition of Central American countries in 1857. In 1893, taking advantage of a large division in Conservative ranks, Jose Santos Zelaya led a liberal revolt that brought him to power. The United States encouraged investment in Nicaragua and at one time had plans to construct an Atlantic to the Pacific canal through the country. In 1909 the US provided political support to conservative led forces in rebellion against President Zelaya. Its motives were differences over the proposed canal, Nicaragua's de-stabilizing influence in the region, and Zelaya's attempt to regulate foreign access to Nicaragua's natural resources. Threatened with American intervention, Zelaya resigned later that year. In August 1912, the President of Nicaragua, Adolfo Diaz, faced an insurrection led by his Secretary of War, General Luis Mena. When the US legation asked President Diaz to ensure the safety of American citizens and property during the insurrection, Diaz could not give that assurance and requested the United States supply security forces in country for that purpose. United States Marines occupied Nicaragua from 1912 to 1933 (except for a 9-month period in 1925). From 1910 to 1936, the Conservative Party ruled Nicaragua and the Chamoro Family, which long dominated the party, effectively controlled the government during that time. In 1914 the Bryan-Chamoro Treaty was signed giving the US control over the proposed canal as well as leases for potential canal defenses. Following the evacuation of the US

Marines in 1926, another conflict broke out (The Constitutional War) which resulted in a coalition government and the return of the Marines. From 1927 until 1933 General Augusto Cesar Sandino led a sustained guerilla war against the Conservative regime and the US Marines, who withdrew from the country once again in 1933. Before leaving the Marines set up the Guardia Nacional (National Guard), a combined military and police force trained and equipped by the Americans and designed to be loyal to US interests. The Nicaraguan Campaign Medal, a decoration of the United States Navy, was later issued to American service members who had performed military duty in Nicaragua during the early years of the 20th century. For service in Nicaragua two Medals of Honor were awarded, both to US Marines.

The United State's relationship with Mexico has often been turbulent with the American government generally supporting those who occupied Mexico's seat of power. The Americans assisted the Mexicans achieve independence and supported Juarez in his overthrow of French installed Mexican Emperor Maximilian but has also supported dictators liked Porfirio Diaz. The Mexican Revolution, to overthrow 20 year President and dictator, Porfino Diaz, officially began on 20 November 1910 although fighting broke out much earlier. Francisco I. Madero took office as President after the fall of Diaz. It is a well known fact that the US Ambassador to Mexico, Harry Lane Wilson, acting without authority, conspired to assassinate President Madero, and helped plot the February 1913 coup d'état that led to Victoriano Huerta claiming the Presidency. American President-elect Woodrow Wilson, deeply disturbed at the death of Madero, made it a priority to destabilize the Huerta regime. When US agents discovered that the German merchant ship *Ypiranga* was illegally carrying arms to the dictator Huerta, President Wilson ordered troops to the Mexican port of Vera Cruz to prevent the ship from docking. The US did not declare war on Mexico but US and Huerta's troops skirmished throughout the port. The *Ypiranga* managed to dock at another Mexican port much to the displeasure of Wilson. On 9 April 1914, Mexican officials in the port of Tampico, state of Tamaulipas, arrested a group of US sailors, including at least one taken from on board his ship and thus from US territory. After Mexico failed to apologize in the terms the US demanded, the US Navy bombarded the port of Vera Cruz and occupied Vera Cruz for seven months. Wilson's actual motivation for the action was his desire to overthrow Huerta and the occupation of Vera Cruz did succeed in further destabilizing the Huerta regime and encouraged Mexican opposition. South American countries assisted in arbitrating the dispute and US troops left Mexican soil in November 1914. US Troops returned to Mexico and Mexican border twice more (Mexican Campaign March 1916 – February 1917 and Mexican Border Service January 1916 – April 1917) before these expeditions and campaigns were interrupted by the US entering World War I in 1917. Fifty-seven (57) Medals of Honor were awarded for the Vera Cruz Campaign – 9 to US Marines, 1 to a US Army service member and 47 to US Navy personnel.

COMMANDERY NEWS

California The California Commandery has been reorganized and re-vitalized. A new Commandery staff will be elected at the next meeting. For now the points of contact for the Commandery are Companion Ron Dunn (creative3@aol.com), Mike Teilmann (miketeilmann@aol.com) and Ron Risley (ron-ris@sbcglobal.com).

European and African Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Herndon efforts resulted in the revival of the European Commandery (organized in 1927 and declared inactive in 1990) with a new name representative of its new membership. After a few months of recruiting and 34 members later, the first meeting took place at Kelly Barracks (Stuttgart, GE) on 29 March 2010. The following agenda items were approved: (1) Establishment of a JROTC Awards Program and funding to support the program; (2) formation of a committee to research the possibility of conducting a wreath-laying ceremony locally to honor German Military heroes to increase German-American relations; and (3) the appointment of a committee to research the possibility of conducting an Enlisted Appreciation Event(s). Congratulations to Commandery Commander (MAJ) Kelly M. Cahalan on the birth of her daughter on 5 January 2011 in Stuttgart, Germany. This is the first time that a MOFW Commander at any level of command has given birth!

(Ed note: E & A Commandery formed in 2010, was granted Charter approval by the National Council on 29 March 2010, and began Commandery activities. The Charter was ratified by the Order during the 50th Convention.)

Hawaii (In the process of being Chartered). Efforts to stand up a Commandery in Hawaii commenced in February 2011 with the appointment of COL Arthur N. Tulak as Organizing Secretary, with an email mailbox at MOFW@army.com. The membership drive was launched by contacting the military newspapers on Hawaii (the *Army Hawaii Weekly*, the *Ho'okele at Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air base*, and the *Hawaii Marine*), telling the story of the Order and of its efforts to establish a Commandery in Hawaii. This initial effort was followed by the purchase of advertising space in the *Honolulu Star-Advertise*, a move that reached over 119,000 readers. One of our first community focused projects is to reach out to the JROTC programs in the Hawaii and DoD high schools to sponsor the awarding of the MOFW JROTC Award. For 2011, the MOFW JROTC Medal for Academics was awarded to C/PV2 Zayin V. Minia and the Bronze Medal for leadership to C/CPL Jansen KJ. Pascua, both attending Waimea HS on the island of Maui. As some schools are challenged to purchase the medals, we plan to ask our Companions to sponsor an award next year in order to "jump-start" the program. Newly enrolled MAJ Daphany Prewitt volunteered to take on the duties of membership secretary. We continue to promote the Order and continue to look for new and novel ways to reach out to potential members.

Louisiana Companion Herschel I. Abbott succeeds Companion Thomas E. Beron as State Commander. Companion James I. Reynolds Succeeds Companion August H. Douglas Jr. as Commandery Treasurer.

Maryland COL Jack Kutcher assumes command of the Commandery upon the resignation of BG Hall Worthington. BG Worthington stepped down in order to accept a leadership position in the MOWW. Commander Kutcher will complete the remaining year of BG Worthington's tour. On 17 April 2011 the Commandery held its annual business meeting and luncheon at which time Commander Kutcher's assumption of command was approved. Commander Kutcher intends to convene a state staff meeting to plan business and social activities for the remainder of the year and into 2012.

Rhode Island Companion Dennis Morgan succeeds Companion Joseph Waller as State Commander. The Commandery held its annual meeting on 4 May with over 120 Companions and guests in attendance. The Meeting's theme was "Rhode Island Independence Day" as 4 May 1776 was the date the colony became the first to declare "disaffection" to the Crown. The meeting took place in the Quonset O'Club beginning with a reception and patriotic music by RI's 88th Army Band. The program began with the Pawtucket Rangers (1775), a historic militia unit, presenting the Colors and the playing of the National Anthem by their fifes and drums. The opening was followed by a memorial ceremony for Companions who Answered the last Roll Call since the last meeting. Commandery officers for 2011-2012 were elected and sworn in with an appropriate Change-of-Command ceremony between outgoing Commander Joseph "Jay" Waller and the new commander, Dennis Morgan. Commander Morgan shared his vision for the Commandery with the attendees and then enrolled 8 new Companions into the Order. Each was presented with the MOFW Insignia and a Diploma of Companionship. The guest speaker, Dr. Patrick Conley PhD, RI's foremost historian, spoke on the significance of 4 May 1775. The evening marked a new beginning for the RI Commandery and a date was set for the Commandery's officers to meet to develop a strategy for success.



Installation of Officers. Rt to Lt CO Robert Marciano, COL Ray Denisevich, COL Dennis Perrino, LTC Rick Riccardi, LTC Courtland Clark

WELCOME TO NEW COMPANIONS

CPT Christopher Ahistrom (MD)
 Comp Sherry U. Blair (NC)
 Lt Col James A. Burkholder Jr. (DC)
 Lt Col Robert J. Cheeseman (DC)
 CW3 John D. Cochran (CA)
 Capt Craig W. Collings (E&A) *
 MAJ Andrew D. Croy (DC)
 1LT John H. Daly (MI)
 COL Anthony Demolina (VA)
 Comp Ron Dunn (CA)
 1LT Lawrence S. Eagleburger (DC) **
 MAJ Rodney D. Erickson (E&A) *
 Comp Lorraine Gaston Ennis (DC)
 LTC Mark Faber (VA)
 LtCol Andrew Hamann (E&A) *
 CW4 Todd Harrod (VA)

LTC Mark Hinton (VA)
 BG Peter Hinz (MD)
 Comp Daniel L. Hopping (NC)
 MG Karl R. Horst (DC)
 LTC Orest Kaczmarczyk (DC)
 Comp Daniel Katz (VA)
 Comp Ralph Keen (DC)
 COL Brian A. Kilgariff (NC)
 WO1 Carl W. Lemke (DC)
 LTC Douglas W. Long (VA)
 COL (Chap) Robert I. Marciano (RI)
 LTC James D. Mazerall (RI)
 Comp Elizabeth H. McAdams (NC)
 Comp Kimberly E. McAdams (NC)
 Comp Lyell L. McAdams (NC)
 LTC Charles E. McDougall (NC)

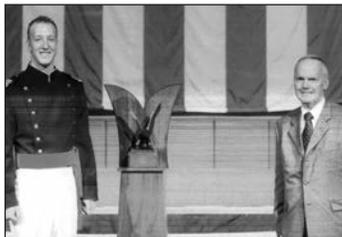
MAJ Philip A. Messer (E&A) *
 1LT Keith J. Minnaji (VA)
 MAJ Kevin V. Minor (E&A) *
 MAJ Bradley J. Niederhauser (CA)
 MAJ Daphany L. Prewitt (DC)
 LT Michael J. Quigley (VA)
 CDR Lynda M. Race (DC)
 COL Howell C. Sasser Sr. (DC)
 LTC Nandhumar Singh (VA)
 LTC Wayne L. Swan (DC)
 MAJ Scott E. Sturtevant (E&A) *
 LTC Michael R. S. Teilmann (CA)
 Comp Brian Ulmer (NC)
 MAJ John R. Wyatt (E&A) *
 LTC Kurt H. L. Weinand (VA)
 LTC Timothy E. Zack (DC)

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MOFW ANNUAL AWARDS

** US Air Force Academy. On 23 May 2011, the Organization and Individual Awards Day was held at the USAFA to recognize outstanding achievement in academics, military training, athletics, and extracurricular activities.



Cadet Sweeney (L) and BG Cole

Companion (BG) James L. Cole Jr. (District of Columbia Commandery) presented the MOFW Award to Cadet Nolan J. Sweeney. The award was presented to the Outstanding Cadet in Physics and is named in memory of MG George O. Squier, noted researcher in electro-chemical effects due to

magnetization, the polarizing photo-chronograph, the sine waves system of telegraphy and ocean cabling techniques. The MOFW Award presented was an engraved Eagle Statuette.

** US Coast Guard Academy. During the USCGA awards ceremony on 17 May 2011, Rhode Island Commander, Dennis E. Morgan, presented the MOFW Award to Midshipman Krysta D. Rohde. The award was a pair of engraved binoculars.

** US Merchant Marine Academy. On 17 June 2011 the MOFW Award was presented by the MOFW Treasurer-General, (COL) Charles "Dan" McCall, to Midshipman Matthew Hueber. The MOFW Award is an engraved wristwatch.

** US Military Academy. On Friday, 20 May 2011, Commander-General Wulf R. Lindenau presented the MOFW Award, a saber, at the 82nd Awards Convocation at the US



Cadet McBee (L) & C-G Lindenau

Military Academy. Cadet Brian G. McBee (now 2LT McBee) was the recipient of the MOFW Award in recognition of his excellence in Leadership and Management Studies. 2LT MBee was commissioned in Military Intelligence and his initial assignment will be at Fort Bragg, NC. C-G Lindenau is a former assistant professor at the USMA.

** US Naval Academy. On 26 May 2011, Maryland Companion (CDR) George L. Breeden II, presented the MOFW Prize to Midshipman First Class Zachary S. Bunting of Auburn, WA at the Award Ceremonies at the USNA in Annapolis, MD. The Prize is awarded to the Midshipman Mathematics Major with the highest overall grade in the course of instruction. The MOFW Award is a wristwatch and an engraved plaque. Midshipman Bunting was commissioned an Ensign on 27 May 2011 and will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in August 2011. Upon completion of his graduate work, he will be assigned to submarine duty. CDR Breeden is a Naval Academy graduate, Class of 1968. **Ensign Bunting wrote the Order "Thank you so much for the award recognizing mathematics students. I have enjoyed my studies and will continue to use my math background at MIT. I really like the watch and plaque - I even wore the watch proudly at graduation."**

** Norwich University. On 19 April 2011 the MOFW Award, a framed and matted picture of the Norwich U. Campus, was presented to Cadet LTC James B. Graves by MAJ Jimmy Anderson, Executive Officer of the Army ROTC Unit. Cadet Graves of the AFROTC Unit was responsible for ensuring the honor and values of Norwich University were upheld within the Corps by monitoring and mentoring all aspects of the Cadet Honor Code.



Cadet Graves (R) & MAJ Anderson

** The Citadel. On 5 May 2011 the MOFW Award was presented to Cadet James R. Harrell by COL L. A. Mercado, Commandant of Cadets. The award, an Eagle

MOFW ANNUAL AWARDS *cont.*



COL Mercado (L) & Cadet Harrell

and American Flag Plaque, was presented to the Cadet who excels in the ROTC Program, leadership and the study of military history.

** Virginia Military Institute (VMI). On 2 May 2011 Past Commander-General Ron Fischer presented the MOFW Awards, an engraved

Leatherman, to Midshipman 1/C Carolyn N. Kenaley, the top Navy Graduate in the NAVAL ROTC Program and an engraved K-Bar Knife to Cadet 1/C Matthew S. Thomas, the top Marine Graduate. Midshipman Kenaley will be commissioned in the Navy and begin flight training at Pensacola in the fall. Cadet Thomas will report to the USMC Basic School in October 2011.

** JROTC. Chesapeake HS (Essex, MD) presented the Leadership Medal to C/MAJ Brook Evans and the Academic Excellence Silver Medal to C/1LT Matthew Throne. Salem HS (Virginia Beach, VA) presented the Bronze Medal to C/LCDR Alexander Mackey and the Silver Medal to C/SPO Gabriel Pauncho. Lincoln HS (Jersey City, NJ) presented the MOFW Bronze JROTC Medal for Leadership to Cadet Shakiera Corbett and the Silver Medal for Academics to Cadet Christian Salinas. Everglades HS (Miramar, FL) presented MOFW JROTC Medals to Cadet David Pryce (Academics) and Cadet Eboneigh Gamble (Leadership). Los Angeles H.S. (Los Angeles, CA) presented the leadership award to Cadet Frankie Estrada. Auburn HS (Rockford, IL) presented the Bronze Medal to Cadet James Garcia and the Silver Medal to Cadet Cleveland Redd. Waimea HS (Waimea, HI) presented the MOFW Leadership award to Cadet Jansen Pascua and the Academic Excellence award to C/PV2 Zayin V. Minia. Lincoln HS (Warren, MI) awarded the MOFW JROTC Bronze Medal to Cadet SGT Justin Souleyette and the Silver Medal to Cadet SGT 1st Class Shawn Harris. Also a Bronze and Silver Medal was presented to Cadet LTC Joshua Henning, holder of a 4.0 GPA and the recipient of 20 awards this year. Only a sophomore, he is planning to attend the USMA in 2 years. Cadet Jonathan Knapp, Valley High School, New Kensington, Pa wrote "I want to thank the presenter and the superb organization for the prestigious award I have received. I am honored to have received the Military Order of Foreign Wars Award. I will wear it with pride and keep doing my duty."

MACARTHUR & EISENHOWER

When General Douglas MacArthur was the military advisor to the Philippine Government prior to WWII, his young aide was one Major Dwight D. Eisenhower. After the war MacArthur was asked how he viewed Eisenhower as his aide and he replied that Eisenhower was the "best clerk I ever had." And when Ike was asked if he knew MacArthur he said "Knew him? I studied dramatics under him!"

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** Jackson Barracks was re-built in 1834 to house the Federal military garrison charged with defending New Orleans and the lower Mississippi Valley. Originally named the New Orleans Barracks (or the United States Barracks), it was re-designated as Jackson Barracks in 1866 in honor of the War of 1812 hero of the Battle of New Orleans, Andrew Jackson. In 1921 the Louisiana National Guard was given permission to use the Barracks although it remained under Federal control. The post eventually became the sole property of the Louisiana National Guard in 1955 and was the location of the Headquarters of the Guard. Jackson Barracks is located in the lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans which was one of the hardest hit areas by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Every building on post sustained damage, forcing the Guard Headquarters to re-locate while repairs were made. Finally on 5 November 2010, Guard and local officials once again established the state's joint force headquarters on this venerable post in New Orleans.

** Kinnick High School, Yokosuka Naval Base, Yokosuka, Japan is a long-time participant in the MOFW JROTC Awards Program – until this year. A former JROTC Instructor at the school who now resides in the Norfolk, Va. area, provided this information – "I'm afraid the majority of the dependents attached to the Yokosuka base departed after the earthquake and tidal wave. I know the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON left port because they were beginning to detect low level radiation from the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant. Last I heard Kinnick High was down to about 75 students from a little under 1500 before the natural disasters. Hopefully once clean up is further along, the all clear for dependents to return will be given and things will get back to normal next school year."

(Ed note. CW4 Fox is a Companion in the Virginia Commandery. I believe that I am not alone in forgetting that the US military has a large presence in Japan and that many of our service personnel and dependents were affected by this tragedy. The Order wishes all affected by this disaster a swift and safe return to normalcy.)

** Companion (MAJ) Rory Cain of the Australian Defense Force (ADF) and a Companion-at-Large in the Order when asked about the role of women in the ADF, responded "Woman in the Australian Defense Force (ADF) serve in all but 7% of the force's roles. Those remaining 7% are the direct combat roles – infantry, artillery, armor, Navy Clearance Divers, etc. A woman commanded the Australian Field Hospital in Banda Aceh after the Tsunami. There has been a push from above to get more women into command roles in the ADF. Next step is that we now look to moving to the Canadian model where if a woman can pass the physical entry requirements, she gets the job, whatever job, including combat roles. In Canada only one woman passed the physical test for infantry. She was a former lumberjack."

** Westerly Armory, just awarded the Hampton Save-A-Landmark competition, is a historic armory in Westerly, RI. Restoration efforts began in earnest in 1992 and thus far approximately \$ 2 million has gone into the restoration. The Rhode Island Commandery Junior Vice Commander, Roberta Mudge Humble, has led restoration activities since 1992 and her efforts have been successful. A membership program, started in 2009 has been a success and many Rhode Island Companions are listed on its membership rolls. The armory was the only RI historic armory missing its crenellations but that problem has been solved. The Westerly Armory now "sports" brand new granite capped crenellations. For more information on the armory, visit its web site (www.westerlyarmory.org).

THE PASSING OF PAST COMMANDER-GENERAL VERSEL CASE, JR.

The MOFW regrets to report the passing of Companion (COL) Versel Case Jr. on 5 April 2011 at the age of 91 years. Companion Case was Commander-General from 1994-1997, serving an extra year due to the untimely death of Commander-General Chalmers Dale. A graduate of the University of Michigan (1942), he served with the 104th Infantry Division in the ETO, joined the Michigan National Guard in 1947, was promoted to Colonel in 1968, and given command of the 46th Engineer Group. He retired from the service on 1 November 1973. Past Commander-General Case was a patriot, a dedicated soldier, a gentleman of the first order and a great American. He will be missed but not forgotten.

JUDGE ADVOCATE-GENERAL H. EDWARD GABLER LAID TO REST

On Thursday, 7 April 2011 the MOFW JA-G H. Edward Gabler was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Companion Gabler died 17 December 2010 after a long illness. Representing the Order at the graveside service was Commander-General Wulf Lindenau, Sec-Gen Orfeo "Chuck" Trombetta, and Sec-Gen for Legislative Affairs, Companion Andrew Johnson. Companion Trombetta also represented the Army-Navy Union and Companion Johnson represented the Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni where Companion Gabler was a Knight of the Order. Commander-General Lindenau presented the Gabler family a framed certificate from the order.



I regret to report that COL Roger C. Albiston (RI), BG Donald B. Barshay (MD), MAJ Arthur D. Batten (CAL), MAJ Henry D. Boening Jr. (PA), LTC William E. Brais (RI), CAPT Stuart H. Carroll (PA), COL Versel Case Jr. (MI), 1LT John S. Child Sr. (PA), CAPT James H. Clement (CAL), COL Rudolph D. Descoteau (DC), 1LT Lawrence S. Eagleburger (DC), MAJ Michael J. Hallisey (RI), COL Francis J. Holbrook (RI), CAPT William W. Huss (CA), COL Wilbern L. Packett (DC), CAPT Robert W. Radway (RI), COL William D. Schaefer (MD), CDR Howard Sherman (RI), LTC George U. Strosnider (CAL), CAPT Austin N. Volk (NY), MAJ Richard T. Welsh (PA), MSG Paul J. Wiedorfer (MD), and COL Milton Zavadil Jr. (MD) have Answered the Last Roll Call.

Rest in Peace Faithful Companions.

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