

April 2019 was a busy month for the chapter, as we participated in a variety of activities. We conducted the annual "Massing of the Colors," a patriotic ceremony where we rededicate ourselves to our flag and our nation. This year we conducted the event at the administration building of the EPCC on Viscount St., on the 27th of May. We had various Boy Scout Troops, Veteran Organizations, EPPD, Sheriff's Dept., Gold Star Wives, Gold Star Mothers, Ft. Bliss Color guard and Band as well as other civic groups. BG Laura Yeager, Commander Joint Task Force North, was one of the speakers as well as Mr. Chas Rittenhouse, an actor who portrays Gen., Pershing was also a speaker.

Much planning and coordination goes into doing all of this and I want to thank Laura Beltran, David Thackston, Joanne Barton, Buck Hamilton, Paula Mitchell, Pauline Ballesteros, Robert Jesky and Rene Rodela, for helping out with this project. It takes the entire team to get this all done and I know we had a successful MOC and I appreciate everybody's help.

We also had a department and regional meeting the day of the MOC for a breakfast meeting which went well. Business was conducted by LTC Ruiz, Region 13 commander MOWW, and LTC Giesler, Rio Grande Dept., commander.

April was also the month we participated in handing out medals and trophies to the various ROTC high schools and to the senior ROTC cadets at UTEP. David Thackston went to UTEP and participated at that event. Dave Powell coordinated the entire project, made various presentations, as well as ordered some trophies and communicated with all instructors. I presented at Santa Teresa High School, Pebble Hills High School, Montwood, and El dorado High Schools. Many thanks to Joanne Barton for ordering the medals.

Once again, thank you to all of those companions for helping with this tremendous project. This are a lot of high schools here in El Paso and the schools look forward to our presence and help with these awards.

In May, we will be honoring first responders and Law and Order Officers. We look forward to seeing as many companions there. Thank you all for your continued participation and support.

For the good of the Order.

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