

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Hello to all Companions and friends of the Greater El Paso Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars. Before continuing with the news, let me express our profound sorrow of the loss of REV. MSGR Francis J. Smith, who was called to God's Kingdom on January 24, 2020. He was the pastor of St. Raphael Parish, where for many, many years, he allowed our chapter to hold our annual Massing of The Colors. His devotion to the priesthood and that of his country allowed the chapter to conduct very successful MOCs. May he rest in peace.

In other news, the chapter is preparing for the annual February luncheon to honor ROTC cadets from the junior as well as the senior levels of the program. This event is scheduled for 22 February 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Location will be the George V. Underwood Golf Club on Ft. Bliss. Please contact LTC. Dave Powell USA (Ret.) for additional information.

Our Boy Scout program is off and running. To date we have awarded certificates to 9 Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to Scout Troop 4 and Scoutmaster Sam Snoddy for always supporting the MOWW's efforts in recognizing Eagle Scouts as well as participating in our MOCs.

In addition, Commander LTC. Jesus Beltran, was recognized by the Yucca Council with the James E. West Award for the many years spent as an active volunteer scoutmaster.

Congratulations are also in order to the chapter for reaching one of the MOWW's National Strategic Goals, that of recruiting. We recruited 4 new members and reached our goal. We thank companions Maureen Lofberg, David Thackston, and Jesus Beltran for their efforts in signing up new members.

Finally, our success requires input from more than an active few to continue to reach national and region goals. Your participation and willingness to assume some measure of responsibility for our programs is needed and encouraged. Remember that all of us volunteered to be here because you believed that our goals are worth spending time on, so come out and help out!

LTC Jesus Beltran, USAR (Ret.)

Greater El Paso Chapter Commander