

## **JANUARY 2021**

### **Commander's Comments**

Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR go out to all of our companions, their families and friends of the MOWW. As we enter into the new year, we hope that 2021 will bring us hope and a new start of at least the beginnings of some sort of normalcy, something the whole world needs and quickly.

We had our monthly luncheon on 19 December 2020 at the Applebee's on 1985 George Dieter beginning at 1200 hours. As usual, some members attended, while others tuned in on zoom. As usual, my nephew, Noel Iturriaga, played the Star-Spangled Banner followed by Christmas Carols with his violin, via Zoom. This has been several years that he has supported our chapter during the Christmas Season. It is always great to hear those Christmas songs especially during this difficult time for everybody. We appreciate it Noel.

The chapter also had an opportunity to recognize and induct a new member. Captain (former) Lendee Robinson was inducted into the chapter virtually. He had an opportunity to tell about his military experience especially his duties in the Middle East and stateside. He is a registered nurse and works in a hospital. We welcome him and wish him much success in the chapter as well as in his civilian work since he is one of the front-line workers during this world crisis. In other business, we want to remind the companions that the MOWW nationally is conducting the annual CINC Solicitation Drive. We can deduct up to \$300.00 in charitable contributions without itemizing deductions. Remember that the MOWW supports many veteran, youth, law enforcement and other organizations with these funds throughout the year. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. This is one goal we can certainly meet in spite of the pandemic.

In other items discussed, as per the formula used by the HQ, MOWW, the El Paso Chapter needs to recruit 10 new members by end of OY 2020-2021. This means by 30 June 2021. We have picked up one, Capt. Robinson. So, we need 9 more to go. That's 9 NEW bodies! We have our work cut out since gatherings are almost nonexistent at the present time because of Covid. So that means that every member on the roster has that obligation, not just the commander or the staff.

Our next meetings are scheduled as follows: January 11, 2021 at 1800 hrs for the staff meeting and 16 January 2021 at 1200 hrs, either virtually or in person at the Applebee's 1985 George Dieter. Please join us either way and take a look at what plans the chapter has for the rest of the year. Remember "It is nobler to serve than to be served."

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