



# The Greater El Paso Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars

**IT IS NOBLER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED**

“Serving Youth, Community and Nation”

**Celebrating the Start of the Second 100 Years of Our Order**

## Command Staff

2021 - 2022

<b>Commander:</b>	LTC Jesus Beltran
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<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	LtCol Buck Hamilton

## CHAPTER FUNDRAISING DRIVE

During the July planning meeting, the Staff voted to embark upon a money raising campaign to refill our coffers and to support the Chapter’s efforts in supporting ROTC/JROTC, Scouting, and patriotic education.

Each of these programs require funds to provide proper recognition to the young men and women who participate in these activities. Medals, plaques, certificates and luncheons all cost money.

The Chapter has established an on-line Square account where you can use a credit card to donate money to these fundraiser. The Chapter’s website (<http://www.elpasomoww.org/>) has a link “Our Square Fundraiser”. Click on the link and it will take you to the site:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLV7VKMHR3PGB/checkout/TIDY444UERJMQ27EI4ETMIH4>. Once there you can contribute. For those uncomfortable with using the web to donate, you may mail your check to:

Greater El Paso Chapter of MOWW  
 Post Office Box 640475  
 El Paso, TX 79904

The Chapter will be sending out “reminder” postcards and emails monthly until 31 December. Our goal for this effort is the most ambitious in the Chapter’s history. We have a goal of \$5,000. Donations are welcome from Companions, family, and anyone who wants to support our young people in ROTC/JROTC, Scouting and Patriotic Education.

Response to date has not been great; please we need your help!

September Birthdays	
Larry Mladek	4 Sep
Paul Manning	5 Sep
Terry Hoke	19 Sep
Ed Lopez	21 Sep
Terry Kelley	20 Sep
Raul Garibay	27 Sep
Sam Morgan	27 Sep
October Birthdays	
Chester Young	2 Oct
Mel Adams	6 Oct
Monica Divis	8 Oct
Obed Soto	15 Oct
Robert Colvin	19 Oct
Lendee Robinson	20 Oct
Ian Hernandez	21 Oct
Michael Cummings	26 Oct
Ken Thaimann	27 Oct
Sherri Bassham	31 Oct
Isabella Moreno	30 Aug

## 2021-2022 CHAPTER ACTION PLAN

### Strategic Goal (SG) 1. Recruit, Convene & Involve Companions.

- Meet and/or exceed a 4% net recruiting increase of 4 new chapter members
- Convert at least one current regular membership to a perpetual lifetime membership
- Encourage more member attendance at 9 monthly chapter meetings either in person or through zoom.

### Strategic Goal (SG) 2. Provide Companion Leadership Training.

- Improve upon our leadership development training program curriculum and internal development list
- Increase chapter member attendance at the Region 13 mid year multi business and quarterly meetings.

### Strategic Goal (SG) 3. Mentor and Develop companions.

- Identify, train and mentor Companions selected for leadership positions to ensure continuity operations.
- Encourage chapter members to attend the annual convention and the midyear multi business region meetings.

### Strategic Goal (SG) 4. Conduct Chapter Advertising and Publicity

- Publish 6 or more chapter E-newsletters, posted to the Region13 MOWW websites for member/public access.
- Increase focus on community participation and involvement in activities and events.
- Continue to improve internal and external Chapter outreach and partnership efforts

### Strategic Goal (SG) 5. Expand and Improve Chapter Outreach Programs

- Continue to award Medals of Merit to ROTC and JROTC Program participants
- Continue to improve the awarding of certificates to the Scout programs, both girl and boy programs
- Increase our chapter awards and recognition programs to include distinguished citizens, companions and community groups.

### Strategic Goal (SG) 6. Recognize Companion Excellence

- Recognize Companions who have gone above and beyond their duties with the MOWW Silver Patrick Henry Medals, Outstanding Service Medals, National citations, and Award of Merit Plaques.
- Incorporate milestone membership awards into our current Recognition Program efforts.

Jesus Beltran, LTC USAR (Ret.)  
Chapter Commander

### Companions Missing in Action

The Chapter has eight companions with bad addresses. Please help us connect with:

Mr Matt Acosta	Ms Sherri Bassham
Kathi Ann Bassham	LTC Bradley Gavle
LT James Gonzalez	Capt Ed Lopez
Mr Ken Rubenstein Ken R	James Snarr II

**AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING**



The August meeting featured the swearing in of the new Chapter Staff and the presentation of both National and Chapter awards to various Companions. Check out all the photos on the Chapter's website. The Chapter won three National Awards - 2nd Place for Homeland Security, 3rd Place for National Defense and our submission for Law & Order won 2nd Place.

Companion Paula Mitchell, former national VCINC was also recognized for her service to the Order on a National level as well as her service to the chapter.

**SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING**



The September Chapter meeting saw the presentation of Citizens of the Year for 2020 & 2021. Cmdr Urrutia accepts the 2020 Award for the City & County First Responders for the Walmart Shooting and Mayor Oscar Lesser accepts the 2021 Award for City & County Essential Workers during the pandemic. The meeting saw the largest turnout for the year.

The meeting also saw the induction of two new companions: Major Ken Thalmann and CPT Obed Soto.

**MASSING OF THE COLORS**

**The Massing of the Colors has been tentatively schedule for the Spring of 2022. The appropriate indoor venues are not available and new location has not yet been established. Please check the website for latest information and help us spread the word to organizations that would like to participate.**



**Membership Anniversaries**

**September**

Myles Miller	1980	Ventura Moreno	1983
Robert Colvin	1984	Maureen Lofberg	1989
Sean Ylinen	1992	Scott Ylinen	1992
Terry Hoke	1993	Gerald Mangrum	2008
	Ken Rubenstein	2008	

**October**

Angeline Hernandez	1986	Jazmin Lombrana	1979
Ian Hernandez	1986	Elsa Baker	1992
Ludwig Bezemek	1995	Pauline Ballesteros	2007
James Snarr	2008	Peter Peca	2009
Ken Thalmann	2010	Charles Dorsey	2019
John Hamilton	2019	Bob Melson	2019
	Rich Moore	2019	

## Homeland Security Minute

October 2021

October is National Cyber Security Month and we should take a few moments and review ways to keep you and your family safe from cyber crooks and creeps.

First and foremost, you need to keep your electronic toys – computers, phones and tablets – current with the latest system and anti-virus updates. Both Apple and Microsoft issue patches and updates almost every week. It's important to load them and quite honestly, it's not too hard. Make sure your equipment settings allow automatic updates and your updates should be almost painless.

The second thing to watch is to limit the amount of your or anyone else's personal information that gets posted on the internet. No one needs to know when you're leaving town for a trip or vacation. Don't use your real birthdate or hometown when providing answers for "Security Questions".

Emails or text messages from someone you don't know can be dangerous. Don't open any attachments or links in these messages as they can install malware. Don't trust any links, phone numbers that may appear in body of such messages. If an email from a financial institution looks strange, then look up the website and the numbers yourself. Don't use the numbers or links in the email. Just remember be wary of anything you receive unsolicited and think twice about all the others you receive.

Don't use easy passwords. I use a program that keeps all my passwords in a secure place and this allows me to generate nonsense passwords of letters, numbers, and symbols for quick look-up. If that's too cumbersome for you, use a "Pass Phase" like: "It's Nobler to Serve than to be Served" and use the first letter of each word to create a password. Add a number or two and you have a strong password. Remember the longer the better for passwords.

For more tips and information, try the National Cyber Security Alliance at:

<https://staysafeonline.org>

For a 7-minute quick lesson on cyber security, watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inWWhr5tnEA>

CF "Buck" Hamilton CPP, PSP  
LtCol USMC (Ret)

Stay Current with Chapter Events at our website [www.elpasomoww.org](http://www.elpasomoww.org) and on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/elpasomoww](https://www.facebook.com/elpasomoww)



### New Eagle Scout



MILITARY ORDER OF WORLD WARS El Paso Chapter Commander LTC Jesus Beltran, presenting a certificate to Eagle Scout Nicolas Diaz. Troop 187. Sponsored by Elks Lodge 187. At the Court of Honor held on 19 September 2021

### New Social Media Accounts

The chapter has established a Tweeter account where updates and meeting announcements will be posted in addition to email, website, Facebook and newsletter postings. The chapter's account is: **@El\_Paso\_MOWW**.

Also the Chapter has established an email account where Companions with questions can easily ask via email. The email account is:

[gep.moww@gmail.com](mailto:gep.moww@gmail.com)

The email will go to the Chapter's Adjutant LtCol Buck Hamilton USMC (Ret) for distribution to the Staff as appropriate.

#### Other Key Social Media Addresses

Chapter Website: <https://www.elpasomoww.org/>

National Website: <https://www.moww.org/>

Regional Website: <https://www.mowwscv.com/>

### Know a Veteran that needs help?

Refer them to the Texas Veterans Commission. Check out their programs at [www.tvc.texas.gov](http://www.tvc.texas.gov). Follow the TVC on Twitter @TexasVeterans for the latest events, job fair, or webinar. You can support the work of the TVC by playing Texas Lottery Scratch Tickets: 777, Veterans Cash, Lucky No.13 and Triple 333s.



U.S. AIR FORCE

USAF Birthday 16 September

US Navy Birthday 13 October



### Up Coming Chapter Events

October Virtual Staff Meeting	1900	Monday 11 Oct
October Hybrid Chapter Luncheon & Zoom Meeting	1130	Saturday 16 Oct
Veterans Day Parade	830	Saturday 6 Nov
November Virtual Staff Meeting	1900	Monday 15 Nov
November Hybrid Chapter Luncheon & Zoom Meeting	1130	Saturday 20 Nov
Patriotic Education School Visits		First & Second Weeks of Nov



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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Our mission is reflected in our Preamble:**

- To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity;
- To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and 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**.

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**FACEBOOK: EL PASO CHAPTER, MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS**

**VISIT OUR NATIONAL MOWW WEBSITE: [WWW.MOWW.ORG](http://WWW.MOWW.ORG)**

**NATIONAL MOWW FACEBOOK: THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS**