

THE COMPANION



**San Diego Chapter
Founded 30 August 1926**

CHAPTER AWARDS

ROTC Program Award - Category 3 – Winner

SCOUTING Program Award - Winner

CALENDAR

2016

Tuesday, Nov 1

Staff Meeting, 1:00 PM
Fuddruckers

340 3rd Ave, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Friday, Nov 4

Veteran of Year Luncheon
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Nominee Derek Abbey, Major, USMC (Ret.)

Thursday, Nov 11

Veterans Day

Nov 21 - NO MEETING

Saturday, Dec 3

11:00 AM - 3:30pm Joint Chapter MOWW
Holiday Party & YLC Fundraiser
Bernardo Heights Country Club

Dec 5 - NO STAFF MEETING

Dec 19 - NO MEETING

Monday, Jan 2

Staff Meeting, 1:00 PM

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Silence. Silence is when we learn. Silence is when we listen. Silence is when we watch something absolutely awe-inspiring.

Saturday, October 22, 2016 was our Massing of the Colors marking the culmination of extensive planning for virtually an entire year. It was an inspiring, emotional, memorable, and moving Massing of the Colors! The audience was silent as they learned, listened, and watched. Please read the article on page 2. We already have reserved the Spreckels Organ Pavilion for Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 10:30-11:30. And we have received our first color guard registrations already!

Your Staff has formalized our Command Action Plan for Membership. It follows our National Strategic Goal 1: Recruit, Retain, and Involve. In the inside Membership Corner, you will find details on page 5 this month and subsequent months.

November is one of the special months when we focus even more on honoring our veterans. Attend the Veterans Parade downtown on November 11. Or attend the Del Mar Veterans Salute on November 11. Visit a cemetery to honor those who gave their lives for our freedoms.

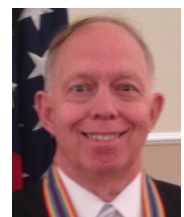
Also on November 4, our Chapter is sponsoring a table at the San Diego County Veteran of the Year luncheon. Our nominee this year is **Derek Abbey**, Major, USMC (Ret). See inside for details on page 8. Most of you received an email notice in October so that you might register to attend.

In December we are hosting the annual Christmas/holiday party with the Holland and Pendleton chapters at Bernardo Heights Country Club. Register now. See inside for details on page 10.

Also on December 17, join other Companions who will be laying wreaths at Greenwood Cemetery. Details in next month's issue.

I expect to see you at one or more of these major events.

**Companion CDR George T. "Ted" Parsons
Commander**



Del Mar Race Track

Del Mar will partner with a nearby American Legion Post for a "[Veterans Day Salute](#)" on its opening day of the Bing Crosby Season Friday, November 11, which, naturally enough, is Veterans Day. Details at <https://www.dmtc.com/calendar/detail/vetsalute>



San Diego Veterans Day Parade

30th Annual San Diego Honored Tradition! 2016 San Diego Veterans Day Parade "A Tribute To The Guardians Of Freedom" Recognizing Our Veterans of Every Era and Our Serving Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen. Details at <https://www.sdveteranparade.org/>



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MEMORABLE AND MOVING MASSING OF THE COLORS!

Saturday, October 22, 2016 was our Massing of the Colors marking the culmination of extensive planning for virtually an entire year.

Just some of the audience comments-

"Outstanding!"

"It was gratifying to know that patriotism and pride in country still lives large in the hearts of so many of the young."

A couple from overseas stated, *"I wish we had such a patriotic ceremony in our own country."*

"Taps was the best part of the entire ceremony!" one observer commented.

"It was so impressive to see the Pearl Harbor Survivors and their color guard!" was another comment.



Captain **Robert Schoultz**, USN (Ret), Navy Seal, delivering his stirring presentation.

Our keynote speaker, **Robert Schoultz**, Capt, USN (Ret) delivered an outstanding address. He recognized all who had and still are proudly served their country: youth, Gold Star families who have lost family members in combat or war, and veterans by their specific combat era, those who lost friends, and those who served and those at home. Bob asked each of them to stand and be honored for their patriotism and service, love of our values and our country.

He reminded us, "The strength of America is in it's diversity - E Pluribus Unum - out of many – one." Captain Schoultz then closed with a call to action, "Express your patriotism through service... in our country!"



One of many JRTOTC color guards impressively parading their colors.

Our parading of the colors had 24 units from JROTC, San Diego State ROTC units, MCRD, and other organizations. President **Stu Hedley** of the Pearl Harbor Survivors led his color guard of seven. The Daughters of the American Revolution color guard were at their 60th Massing of the Colors! They are the only organization who has attended every single one of our ceremonies!

Ms. **Paula-Jo Cahoon**, of the United States Daughters of 1812, led us in singing our National Anthem. Eagle



94 year old President **Stu Hedley** of the Pearl Harbor Survivors carries our American flag.



The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) color guard continuing their unbroken tradition of 60 years honoring our country and flag.

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Scout **Dominic Barardi** led us in our Pledge of Allegiance. And Senior Girl Scout Madison Stallings read a moving tribute to "Old Glory". **Ken Fousel**, one of our long time Companions, brought 23 members of his retirement community! Both the Pendleton and Holland Chapters were represented by their Commanders, **Dan Kash** and **Nick Herbka** and other Companions who came with them. Our Past Department Commander, **Clark Kholos** attended with **Ray Skinner**.

Fr. **Ted Atwood** gave a highly impressive and stirring invocation, blessing of the flags, and Service of Remembrance.

A massive and continuous publicity effort all year produced a hugely successful Massing of the Colors. Hundreds of people participated in this momentous and patriotic event.

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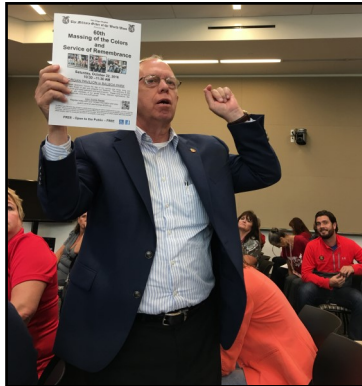
Commander Parsons reflected, "The Massing of the colors and Service of Remembrance will always be a special memory because of my emotional reaction and how so many hundreds demonstrated their patriotism by honoring our flag, our country, our veterans and youth, and community members."



Hundreds observed the 60th Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance.



SAN DIEGO VETERAN COALITION (SDVC)



Commander **Ted Parsons** and PCINC **Debbie Kash** attend the SDVC monthly meeting. This was the chapter's first time to attend. Ted is pictured announcing our Massing of the Colors to the almost 150 attendees.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for participating in Operation Dress Code by donating women's suits and accessories for women veterans looking for job interview clothing.



The Preamble

- ◆ To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity;
- ◆ To inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and the 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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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

GRATITUDE AND HAPPINESS

One day, I was whiling away my time in the Dentist's office by leafing through a dog-eared magazine. My Southern heritage peaked when my eyes fell on an article that unabashedly proclaimed "saying 'please' and 'thank you' is not just polite – it could be the key to a happier you." It went on to point out that in a recent study, researchers found that people who kept a Gratitude Journal were more optimistic than those who didn't take a moment or two every morning to jot down the things for which they were grateful.

It was the 4th Century Bishop of Milan, Saint Ambrose (339-397), who said: "No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." Archbishop of Canterbury **William Temple** (1881-1944) said: "It is probable that in most of us the spiritual life is impoverished and stunted because we give so little place to gratitude. It is more important to give thanks to God for blessings received than to pray for blessings beforehand."

Martha Washington (1731-1802), realized the certainty of gratitude in her life. She wrote: "I am still determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may be in, for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of misery depends on our disposition and not on our circumstances."

Former Secretary of Education, **William J. Bennett**, (1943-Present) has given us this down to earth assessment: "Happiness is like a cat. If you try to coax it or call it, it will avoid you. It will never come. But, if you pay no attention to it and go about your business, you'll find it rubbing against your legs and jumping in your lap. So forget pursuing happiness. Pin your hopes on work, on family, on learning, on knowing, on loving. Forget pursuing happiness, pursue these other things, and with luck happiness will come."

When things are not going our way, comfort can be found in the wisdom of the French Priest, Father **John Vianney** (1786-1859): "I have had crosses a plenty – more than I could carry, almost. Then I set myself to ask for the love of crosses ... then I was happy."

I find it interesting that entitlement attitudes go away when times are tough and the concept of accountability returns to the work-a-day world. Long, long ago, the Psalmist touched upon the

positive attributes of accountability when he penned: "You shall eat the fruit of your labor; happiness and prosperity shall be yours." (Psalm 128:2)

Captain **Theodore O. Atwood, Jr.**
Chaplain Corps
United States Navy (Retired)



HOMELAND SECURITY

US-CERT

UNITED STATES COMPUTER EMERGENCY READINESS TEAM

National Cyber Alert

Heightened DDoS Threat Posed by Mirai and Other Botnets (Release date: October 14, 2016 | revised: October 17, 2016)

Systems Affected Internet of Things (IoT)—an emerging network of devices (e.g., printers, routers, video cameras, smart TVs) that connect to one another via the Internet, often automatically sending and receiving data

Overview Recently, IoT devices have been used to create large-scale botnets—networks of devices infected with self-propagating malware—that can execute crippling distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks. IoT devices are particularly susceptible to malware, so protecting these devices and connected hardware is critical to protect systems and networks.

Description (see <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/TA16-288A> Alert (TA16-288A) for details) On September 20, 2016, Brian Krebs' security blog (krebsonsecurity.com) was targeted by a massive DDoS attack, one of the largest on record, exceeding 620 gigabits per second (Gbps) An IoT botnet powered by Mirai malware created the DDoS attack. In late September, a separate Mirai attack on French webhost OVH broke the record for largest recorded DDoS attack. That DDoS was at least 1.1 terabits per second (Tbps), and may have been as large as 1.5 Tbps. The IoT devices affected in the latest Mirai incidents were primarily home routers, network-enabled cameras, and digital video recorders. Mirai malware source code was published online at the end of September, opening the door to more widespread use of the code to create other DDoS attacks.

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In early October, Krebs on Security reported on a separate malware family responsible for other IoT botnet attacks. This other malware, whose source code is not yet public, is named Bashlite. This malware also infects systems through default usernames and passwords. Level 3 Communications, a security firm, indicated that the Bashlite botnet may have about one million enslaved IoT devices.

Impact With the release of the Mirai source code on the Internet, there are increased risks of more botnets being generated. Both Mirai and Bashlite can exploit the numerous IoT devices that still use default passwords and are easily compromised. Such botnet attacks could severely disrupt an organization's communications or cause significant financial harm.

Solution Cybersecurity professionals should harden networks against the possibility of a DDoS attack.

US-CERT strives for a safer, stronger Internet for all Americans by responding to major incidents, analyzing threats, and exchanging critical cybersecurity information with trusted partners around the world.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

07 LTC Paul Nau	27 CW02 Arthur Roemmich
08 Moshe Rubin	30 CWO Michael Gamber
10 Matthew Andrews	
13 Chad Laurendeau	
20 LT Anna Saenz	
24 1st Lt Donald Allen	
25 LT Elizabeth Kuhls	



MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Years

57	LT Jacob Dekema
40	COL David Gill
39	LCDR Gwendolyn Johnson
36	LCDR James Brockman
36	LCDR David Leslie
35	CAPT David Chigos
30	CDR Martin Ruch
30	LT John Workman
26	MAJ Kenneth Groover
26	Col Russell Hanthorn
19	Don Perez
10	CW03 Joe Brunner
10	LT Elizabeth Kuhls
06	Richard Derosset
06	CAPT Tom Splitgerber



ADJUTANT'S CORNER

For those Companions who are renewing their annual membership, contact your Adjutant, Craig Noble, at [619-656-2757](tel:619-656-2757) or craignoble@cox.net to obtain your membership number. If you renew every year, you only need to send in your check for \$40 payable to MOWW, with your membership number on the memo line, to

MOWW Headquarters
435 North Lee Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2301.

You may also call Angela, Member Services, if desired, with your questions at [703-683-4911](tel:703-683-4911). Her email address is membership@moww.org.

However, if you are a lapsed member because you have not renewed in over a year, your Adjutant can provide a member application, your anniversary date, and membership number. Then, just fill it out and send in your application along with your check for \$40.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Most significant barrier hindering membership growth and recommendation to resolve:

Most significant barrier to our membership growth:

Involvement of every Chapter Companion to increase awareness in our community of MOWW and the San Diego Chapter.

One way to increase membership:

Continue providing and increasing information and materials to Companions so they may be able to easily inform friends and others about MOWW and our Chapter and help them fill out the application to join.

Companions, come back and join us for our next staff meeting, monthly meeting or activities. Bring potential members with you and enjoy companionship and service. Let us know if you need any materials about MOWW.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

The Military Order of the World Wars - MOWW
San Diego Chapter



Please **LIKE** the page and **SHARE** with your family and friends!

HISTORICAL TIDBITS

This historical event occurring in the month of November which I would like to discuss in this month's article is the founding of the United States Marine Corps. The Marine Corps traditionally celebrates the date of its founding on the date of the authorization of the Continental Marine Corps by the Second Continental Congress which occurred on 10 November 1775. We all know the Marine Corps of today as a superb light infantry force specializing in amphibious operations and ground combat operations. The Corps of today was not exactly what the Continental Congress envisioned when they formed the Continental Marines.

In November 1775, approximately one month after the Continental Congress authorized the formation of the Continental Navy; it realized the need for a Continental Marine Corps. They formed the Marines to perform three specific duties common to all naval services at the time. The first of these was to provide a force of trained riflemen to be used as snipers and to augment boarding parties during the close combat common to naval battles of the time. The second and to many naval officers, their most important function, was to provide shipboard security for the captain and ship's officers and to maintain the rigid discipline necessary in naval service. This duty was seen as important due to the risk of mutiny which was felt to be prevalent among the seamen of the time, especially in the British Navy with whose traditions the Congress was most familiar. The final duty of the Marines was to assist and augment landing parties.

With these duties in mind, the Congress verbally commissioned **Samuel Nicholas** as a Captain of Marines on 5 November 1775, making him the first officer commissioned in the Continental Naval Service. Five days later, on 10 November 1775, the Congress passed a measure authorizing the formation of two battalions of Marines, consisting of a Colonel, two Lieutenant Colonels, a Major, appropriate other officers and the enlisted personnel necessary to form two battalions. Using this bill as authorization, Captain Nicholas set up shop in Tun Tavern, on the corner of King Street (now Water Street) and Tun Alley in Philadelphia and began recruiting Marines. On 28 November 1775, Captain Nicholas' verbal commission was confirmed in writing by the Congress.

By January, 1776, Nicholas had recruited approximately three Marines and they joined the first naval expedition in American history, the raid on the Bahamas led by Commodore **Ezek Hopkins**. Hopkins' force consisting of

eight ships left Philadelphia on 17 February 1776. On 3 March 1776, they arrived off the town of New Providence in the Bahamas. Nicholas led his Marines and some sailors ashore where they captured two small forts containing cannon, ammunition and other military supplies. These they loaded upon their ships and after raiding and briefly occupying the nearby town of Nassau, the force returned home having successfully completed the first landing of American forces on foreign soil.

Upon his return to Philadelphia, Nicholas was promoted to the rank of Major and tasked with forming three additional companies of Marines for service upon the four frigates then being built in Philadelphia. One company went to sea on the Randolph in the fall of 1776. In December 1776, Nicholas and the remaining three companies were ordered to join General Washington's forces on the Delaware. They did not arrive in time to participate in the famous crossing of the Delaware and the battle of Trenton. They did, however, participate in the Battle of Princeton both as infantry and artillerymen on 3 January 1777, becoming the first Marines to serve as a ground combat force under the command of an Army general. After the battle, the Marines returned to garrison in Philadelphia where they were parceled out in small contingents for individual vessels as they sailed. Nicholas spent the rest of the war in Philadelphia, despite his many attempts to get back into battle, recruiting and administratively supervising the Marine Corps. For this, he is remembered as the first Commandant of the Marine Corps. When the war ended in April, 1783, the Marine Corps was disbanded and not heard of again until 11 July 1798, when it was officially reconstituted as the United States Marine Corps by act of Congress.

Thus, we can see that the unparalleled ground combat force that the US Marine Corps is today is not the force envisioned by the Continental Congress. Two of the functions that the Congress envisioned for the Marine Corps no longer exist and the third hasn't been done by the Marines since World War II. The country is extremely lucky, however, that over the years the Marine Corps has taken its somewhat limited Congressional mandate and evolved into the finest light infantry force in the world. That force which is always, "The first to fight," helps to make it possible for each of us to live our lives in peace and tranquility.



Samuel Nicholas
1st Commandant of
the Marine Corps
(1775-1783).



Companion **Thomas J. Marshall, Jr.**
MD FACS CAPT MC USN (Ret.)

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NATIONAL SECURITY

Army receives first Stryker upgraded with 30mm cannon

By: **Matthew L. Schehl**, October 28, 2016 (Photo

Credit: Courtesy photo via Program Executive Office Ground Combat Systems)

U.S. Army Europe is about to pack a much stronger punch. The Army on Thursday took delivery of the first prototype of its new Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle upgraded with a more lethal 30mm cannon, ahead of target to begin fielding to the Germany-based 2nd Cavalry Regiment in May 2018.



The upgunned Stryker - designated the XM1296 Infantry Carrier Vehicle - will mark a "near-record time from concept to delivery," Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. **Daniel Allyn** said at the event at the General Dynamics Land Systems Maneuver Collaboration Center in Sterling Heights, Michigan, the **Army News Service** reported.

The vehicle will be known as the Dragoon, sharing a moniker with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment.

"This is an example of what is possible when government, military and industry leaders unite as one team," Allyn said.

The 2nd Cavalry Regiment put in an Urgent Operational Needs Statement in April 2015 to fast-track an upgraded version of the eight-wheeled armored fighting vehicle through a ponderous acquisition process. The Army approved upgrades for 81 vehicles in July 2015.

Not long after Russia annexed the Crimea and "little green men," a phrase typically used to refer to foreign troops or paramilitary forces who dress in green instead of traditional military gear, began flowing into eastern Ukraine to fight side-by-side with pro-Russian separatists, it became apparent that the Stryker's .50-caliber machine-gun was outmatched by its Russian counterparts.

In January 2015, for example, photographs of Russia's top-tier BPM-97 armored personnel carrier - which happens to sport a 30mm cannon itself - began filtering out of the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic.

"The Russians, it turns out, had upgraded and fielded

significant capabilities while we were engaged in Iraq and Afghanistan," Allyn said.

The 30mm cannons have not traditionally been used as anti-personnel weapons, but rather are capable of tearing through armor plating and fortified positions; think of the iconic "brrrrrrrrrrt" of the GAU-8/A Avenger Gatling mounted on the A-10 Thunderbolt.

The upgraded Strykers will integrate a Kongsberg MCT-30mm Weapon System with a remotely-operated, unmanned turret; a new, fully-integrated commander's station; and upgraded driveline component and hull modifications, according

to information from Program Executive Office-Ground Combat Systems.

This configuration will not impede one of the vehicle's primary purposes: schlepping around a nine-man squad.

The Stryker Dragoon will next go through an abbreviated test phase this spring before entering full production.

"We are doing it all very quickly," Col. **Glenn Dean**, the Stryker program manager, told **Defense News** in February.

"The last time the Army qualified a new ground, direct-fire weapons system was when we put the M256 cannon on the M1 Abrams tank back in the '80s, so we are exercising a muscle that hasn't been exercised in a while."

The Army has stepped up its presence in Europe since Russia annexed Crimea, sending soldiers and equipment to the continent to assure America's NATO allies and deter further aggression.

More than 33,000 soldiers are assigned or allocated to Europe, Allyn said. In addition, the Army this spring is scheduled to start rotating an armored brigade combat team for full nine-month deployments to Europe.

The Army is focused on providing soldiers with the best technology and capability to ensure overmatch in a world that is increasingly complex and the threat is often "elusive and ambiguous," Allyn said.

Defense News reporter **Jen Judson** contributed to this report.

www.armytimes.com/articles/army-receives-first-stryker-upgraded-with-30mm-cannon

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER SELECTS VETERAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION MAJOR DEREK ABBEY, USMC (RET.)

Derek Abbey served 23 years in the United States Marine Corps retiring honorably in 2014 as a Major. In 2009, Derek was selected by the Marine Corps for the Advanced Degree Program and was assigned to the University of San Diego. While earning a Masters degree in Higher Education Leadership, Derek conducted research on how universities and colleges work with military-connected students on their campus. This resulted in his thesis, which provided best practices for colleges to use in creating successful military programs on their campuses. Since then this research and ongoing research has been used by Derek to volunteer to create and benefit military and veteran programs on universities and colleges across the nation in the organizations listed above and many others. Local Veteran Service Organizations reach out to him for his expertise with military-connected students. Separate from his USD employment, Derek volunteers with any potential military-connected students seeking higher education. The organizations that Derek is involved in are:



Zero8Hundred uses him to train and work with their counselors on how to provide transitioning veterans the best information about higher education.

MCAS Miramar and Camp Pendleton regularly invite him on base to work with, soon to be separating, active duty service men and women who are exploring higher education.

The San Diego Military Family Collaborative has asked Derek to work on multiple programs with them. The most recent was with spouses of transitioning military. Derek believes that in order to serve the veteran community the best, you have to serve the entire family unit and those things that are most important to the veterans.

Derek is seen by these organizations and others as a trusted agent solely focused on what is best for the veteran.

Military Ally Program Derek has collaborated with **Todd Kennedy**, of San Diego State University, to create the Military Ally program. This program is a university staff and faculty awareness program that informs the greater campus community about military culture, issues dealt with and faced by veterans, and misconceptions. This program has been adopted on the campuses across the San Diego region and is being featured in national conferences attended by universities from across the nation. The Military Ally program is now expanding off of college campuses and into businesses and industry interested in working with this population.

BentProp Project. Derek became involved with the BentProp Project over a decade ago. He remains heavily involved on a daily basis as a member and Director for the non-profit organization. The BentProp Project consists of a team of volunteers, trained specialists, and professionals, each with essential expertise, who are dedicated to locating and assisting with identifying Americans missing in action (MIA) and prisoners of war (POW) from previous wars and conflicts. The ultimate goal of the organization is the repatriation of our lost service members and answering the long held questions of the families of the lost.

Civic Activities. Derek volunteered as a **wrestling coach** for several years, from the youth to high school level. Several of the wrestlers he has coached are now active college wrestlers and have been champions at multiple levels. Most importantly, many are strong contributors as citizens.

Derek is an advisor to the **HERO Club**, which is a group of college students that serves to expose the greater community to the values of the military and those that serve. This group holds regular workouts that are open to the public and include a veteran guest that shares his or her personal story.

Last year's California High School State Champion Football team recognized the efforts of Derek's commitment to youth and invited him to share his story and guidance to the male athletes of high school in their **Men of Character** event. Derek uses his military service and that of others to provide focus and values to these young developing men.

Derek serves as a **volunteer life coach** and is committed to serving veterans going through transition that are searching for their new strength and focus of effort after the military.

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Derek is an avid outdoorsman and committed to being active. He is currently going through the process of becoming a “**50 Stater**” by running a marathon in all 50 States. Derek has used these runs to garner attention and raise thousands of dollars for the **MARSOC Foundation**. 95 percent of these funds go directly to injured Marines and Sailors or the families of those killed.



The San Diego Chapter is proud to select Derek as our Chapter's “Veteran of the Year” and to nominate him for the San Diego County “Veteran of the Year” program. The San Diego “Veteran of the Year” selection will be made on November 4, 2016 and announced at the “Veteran of the Year” Luncheon.

27TH ANNUAL MILITARY WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

What was I doing with hundreds of women? Mostly veterans like me, I thoroughly enjoyed meeting many. Among them were Beth, Evelyn, and June, WW II veterans. I sponsored lunch for Diana, the SSgt. in charge of the SDSU Air Force ROTC color guard. My table was mostly Marines and one Army veteran.

Congresswoman **Susan Davis's** brief remarks honored all the women. Then, we all were captivated by retired Command Master Chief **Kathy Hansen's** inspiring remarks as guest speaker. She related many special experiences throughout her career. The Master of Ceremonies was **RanDee McLain** from Courage to Call. We are partnering with them. And **Holly Shaffner** was a coordinator of the event and has assisted us with our Veteran of the Year nominee.

Chapter Commander **Ted Parsons**



*General of the Armies, **John J. Pershing** inspired his officers to form associations after World War I to continue their service to America. So, in 1919 his officers formed The Military Order of the World Wars. Senior VCINC **Dave Gibson** wrote a series of Pershing Minutes based on **John Perry's** biography Pershing.*

PERSHING MINUTE #1

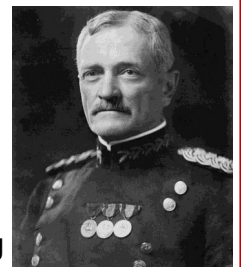
Born in the small Missouri farming town of Laclede, **John J Pershing's** father ran the general store. **Johnny Pershing** dreamed of being a lawyer but since there was no way he could afford the tuition at college so he began to teach school at age 17, even though he had not graduated from high school himself. He had 45 students ranging from 6 to 21 years old.

Teaching gave Pershing some of the first lessons in leadership and shaped his character. A 21 year old student bullied some of the other students and John told him he would have to stay after school. When the bully refused, Pershing planted himself inches from the big boy. “I am here to run this school” he declared, “You will obey me or face the consequences”. The student back down. Pershing was in charge; he was responsible.

Another time a student's enraged father came to school with a shotgun. Pershing met him outside and challenged him to get off his horse, put down his gun and fight it out. They fought, Pershing won, then dressed the father's cuts. Again, Pershing was in charge, saw his duty, carried it out regardless of the circumstances.

“A competent leader can get efficient service from poor troops, while on the contrary an incapable leader can demoralize the best of troops.”

John J. Pershing



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The Military Order of the World Wars
presents the

San Diego, Holland & Pendleton Chapters'
2nd Annual Christmas Party

2016 Hosted by the San Diego Chapter

Saturday, December 3, 2016
11:30 - 3:30



Bernardo Heights Country Club
16066 Bernardo Heights Parkway
San Diego, CA 92128

Enjoy
Christmas music entertainment
Silent Auction to benefit the local YLC
Donate Toys for children of the
"Armed Services YMCA"
A Delicious Buffet Lunch
Fellowship with fellow Companions and More!



\$25 per person

RSVP by November 25
to: Craig Noble at (619) 656-2757 or email: craignoble@cox.net

** A reservation made is a reservation paid.*



2nd Annual Christmas Party Entertainment
will be the Sun Harbor Chorus and you will
not want to miss them!

The Sun Harbor Chorus is the San Diego Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, performing four-part a cappella harmonies in the Barbershop style. Founded in 1946, they are the longest-established barbershop chorus in San Diego County.



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MOWW® Membership ApplicationCOMMAND
INTEREST
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The Military Order of the World Wars
970 Somerset Court, Unit C
Chula Vista, CA 91915-1123

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♦ Date HQ Processed: _____

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. How did you hear of MOWW? _____
2. Requested Chapter of Affiliation: _____
3. Full Rank, Name, Service, Status: _____
4. Mailing Address: _____
5. Mailing Address: _____
6. Home Phone: (____) _____
7. Cell Phone: (____) _____
8. Email Address: _____
9. Birthdate: _____
10. Spouse's/Partner's Full Name / "Go By" Name: _____
11. *Hereditary Membership Linkage (if applicable): _____
12. Applicant's Signature: _____

B. VETERAN INFORMATION

1. Service Branch (circle): USA USN USMC USAF USCG USPHS NOAA
2. Veteran Status (circle): ACTIVE DUTY RETIRED FORMER RESERVE NATIONAL GUARD
3. Dates of Service: _____ Rank: _____

C. SPONSOR INFORMATION

1. Sponsor's Full Name, Rank, Service: _____
2. Sponsor's Signature: _____

D. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Perpetual @ 1 x \$350.00, or 4 x \$87.50 quarterly installments | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular (Annual) Membership @ \$40.00/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Perpetual (> 21 years) @ 1 x \$350.00, or 4 x \$87.50 quarterly installments | <input type="checkbox"/> Hereditary (Annual) Membership @ \$40.00/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hereditary Perpetual (≤ 20 years) @ 1 x \$200.00, or 4 x \$50.00 quarterly installments | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Regular (Annual) Membership @ \$40.00/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetual @ 1 x \$200.00 (1 st year of commission as 2LT, Ensign, or WO) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Perpetual @ 1 x \$200.00 | |

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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Please bring your new unwrapped toys to the
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**Tuesday
November 8
2016**

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The Chapter will no longer be accepting credit cards for luncheon payments due to the high cost of maintaining the service and the infrequent use. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Cash and checks made out to MOWW are accepted for luncheon payments.



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