

THE COMPANION



**San Diego Chapter
Founded 30 August 1926**

CHAPTER AWARDS

ROTC Program Award - Category 3 – Winner
SCOUTING Program Award - 1st Runner-up
RECRUITING Award - Honorable Mention

CALENDAR

2019

Saturday, July 20th

Chapter Potluck
 Celebrating 100 years of MOWW
 4:00-8:00 PM
 Home of
 Dr. Tom & Kathleen Marshall

100th MOWW National Convention

5-10 August 2019
 Grand Vista Hotel
 Simi Valley, CA
www.moww2019.com

Monday, August 12th

Staff Meeting, 12:00 PM
 Fuddruckers

Tuesday, August 20th

MOWW JROTC BBQ
 Revere Center
 11 am - 1 pm
 Chapter Birthday Celebration
 JORTC Brigade Staff Briefing
 Coast Guard Birthday

MOWW: Serving others for 100 years! 1919-2019

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Companions and Friends,

Independence Day. Fourth of July. Are we attending a patriotic service? Are we sharing a BBQ? Are we with family?

Freedom: From Merriam-Webster: the absence of coercion or constraint in choice or action; liberation from slavery or restraint; a privilege. Synonyms include: independence, liberty, self-determination, and self-governing.

We have many freedoms in our country as we all know. In Article I of our Constitution are listed the following: freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly and more.

We are free because of good choices we make. We are free because our military defends our country. We are free because individuals spoke out and still speak out about wrongs being forced on the colonies and, later, our citizens.

To quote a wise man, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."


Ronald Reagan

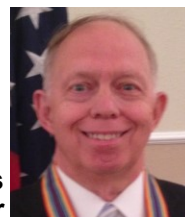
Why have so many millions come to America? Freedom. Freedom to worship as they choose. Freedom to speak. Freedom to assemble. Freedom to succeed through hard work. Freedom to write. Freedom to disagree. Freedom to have our families live safely. Freedom to live in a nation of laws and justice. To millions, including my paternal grandparents, the Statue of Liberty, also known as Liberty Enlightening the World, is a symbol of these many freedoms.

Our country is not perfect, by no means! Yet, let us cherish, protect, and defend our country, our freedoms, as each of us is able.

Honor and celebrate Independence Day-"Freedom Day"!




 CDR George T. "Ted" Parsons
 Commander



SAVE THE DATE

**4th Annual
 Joint MOWW Chapter Holiday Party
 Saturday, December 14, 2019
 Seven Seas Restaurant**

"It is Nobler to Serve Than to be Served"



Celebrating 100 Years of MOWW



**You're Invited to the
San Diego Chapter's**



Pot Luck Dinner



**Saturday, July 20th
4:00-6:00 PM**

At the Home of
Dr. Tom and Kathleen Marshall
1215 Newcastle Court
Chula Vista, CA 91913

**Come to the Marshall's home and bring
your favorite dish to share and let's
celebrate our 100th year as MOWW!**

No RSVP needed. Drinks provided.

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

June 1: Companions participated at the Phoenician Award luncheon sponsored by the Holland Chapter. LTC **John Hollywood**, certificate, and more to JROTC student **Logan Wilson**. Logan earned the opportunity to compete nationally for the Phoenician Award by his selection as the Top Leader of the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference of 2018. See more pictures in this issue.



June 7: Flag Day ceremony and salute to veterans at Trinity Christian Elementary School. (Left) Many of about 100 pre-school thru 8th singing several patriotic songs.

June 14: We sponsored our first Flag Day ceremony with a keynote speaker, Girl Scouts color guard, their leading the Pledge, and reciting "My Name is Old Glory". All attending were given mementos of miniature US flags -and cookies! More pictures are in this issue.

June 14: Companions attended a 244th Anniversary of the US Army celebration sponsored by AUSA. (right) Guest speaker (seated) Wounded Warrior SGM **Jesse Acosta**, USA Ret. and his wife **Consuelo Acosta** (standing) Companion **Barbara Peralta**, COL **Sabrina Ruiz** USA Ret. and Gold Star parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nakamura. Guest speaker, **Robert S. Brewer, Jr.** United States Attorney, Southern District of California with Companion **Barbara Peralta**.



June 15: Several of us attended the Gold Award ceremony the next day. The CEO of Girl Scouts San Diego recognized us in front of perhaps 500 guests and Scouts for our strong support of Girl Scouts. Please read the article inside.

June 15: We also attended another Flag Day ceremony at the Mormon Battalion Museum in Old Town. More pictures!

June 17: At our luncheon, PCINC **Debbie Kash** installed your new chapter officers.

Commander: CDR **Ted Parsons**
 Sr. Vice Commander: LT **Darryl Peralta**
 Treasurer CAPT **Tom Marshal**
 Adjutant: COL **Tim Swann (to be installed in August)**



Our monthly luncheon featured **John Buckley**, President and Head Coach of the San Diego Enforcers. They are a National Champion team in the National Public Safety Football League. Their team is comprised of first responders who play games to donate proceeds to charities. Please read the article inside.

Our Chaplain, **Barbara Peralta**, led us in a Service of Remembrance for **Margaret (Peg) Esther Leggett** who passed away in December.

June 24-27: Youth Leadership Conference at UCSD. Look in next month's issue for article and pictures!

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MR. LOGAN WILSON, 2018 PHOENICIAN AWARD WINNER, MEETS CINC JOHN HOLLYWOOD

On June 1, over 50 companions and guests welcomed CINC, **John Hollywood**, LTC, USA (Ret). The Holland Chapter hosted the luncheon at The Country Club in Rancho Bernardo. Logan received a certificate, a check for \$2,000, and the CINC challenge coin from John, plus the Holland Chapter challenge coin, and the Youth Merit Medal for conspicuous patriotic and community service. All these awards honored him as the 2018 winner of the nationwide essay contest amongst all the top students of all the Youth Leadership Conferences last year. See page 7 for pictures.

Our CINC and the Holland Chapter again recognized Mr. **Paris Nguyen**, the 2017 Phoenician Award winner, also from our area. Families and friends of both students attended.

John Hollywood completed our day with a talk stressing important aspects of MOWW and our future.

FLAG DAY JUNE 14, 2019: HONORING OUR FLAG AND COUNTRY

Our Chapter sponsored our first Flag Day ceremony hosted by Ms. **Wendy Wilson**, Executive Director of the Bonita Museum and Cultural Center. Many community members attended, in addition to our own companions.

The color guard caller, **Lucia Perez-Valles**, brought in Girl Scout Troop 5912 color guard. They impressively marched into position as we prepared to recite the Pledge and sing The Star-Spangled Banner. Girl Scout **Kamilah Medina** carried the USA flag.

Sophia Klass held the CA flag, while **Azul Ramirez** carried the Girl Scout world flag, the blue and gold one. And **Ivanna Alanis** held the white and green Girl Scout USA flag.

Annette Rodriguez led us in the Pledge and also led us by singing our National Anthem. Following that, she recited "My Name is Old Glory".



CAPT Tom Marshall, our keynote speaker, shared many interesting and important facts about Flag Day: its origins, different flags used before our first official flag, and customs. Afterward, Tom answered questions.



All attending received miniature U.S. Flags, the Flag Code, a pamphlet describing proper flag usage, and cookies!



KC Brault and **Valerie Rios** stand by our information booth and handed out programs.



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OUR FOOTBALL TEAM!

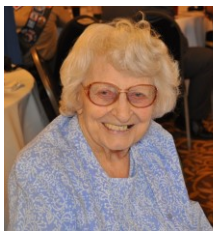
Our monthly luncheon on June 17 featured **John Buckley**, President and Head Coach of the San Diego Enforcers. They are a National Champion team in the National Public Safety Football League. Their team is comprised of first responders who play games to donate proceeds to charities.

John enlightened us with his background in law enforcement, the background of the Enforcers and who they play, plus how we can support them as they donate to charities. Then, he answered many questions!



The Enforcers include members from Border Patrol, police departments, fire fighters, military members, former military, sheriff departments, US Customs, DEA, Homeland Security, CAL Fire, and CA Highway Patrol.

MARGARET ESTHER LEGGETT July 28, 1922 – December 29, 2018



On June 17, our Chaplain, **Barbara Peralta**, led us in a **Service of Remembrance for Margaret (Peg) Esther Leggett** who passed away in December.

Margaret “Peggy” Leggett loved life, and she shared her naturally upbeat attitude with everyone she met. Margaret’s strong spirit and can-do attitude was an inspiration to many, particularly her grandniece and nephew. She was born on July 28, 1922 in Milton, Massachusetts but grew up in nearby Assinippi. She entered the Navy Nurse Reserve Corps on Nov. 15, 1944 after two of her brothers were killed in World War II. She retired in 1968 as a Lt. Commander and was very proud of her service to her country. She worked as a nurse for decades afterward and supported many charities, including missionary work overseas. Margaret had many pets throughout her life and loved animals very much. She had begun to document her family tree and was a gifted storyteller, sharing stories about her upbringing, which included a ride home from future president **John F. Kennedy**. Margaret was a member of First Presbyterian Church in San Diego, a member of The Military officers of World Wars for 41 years, Military Nurse Assoc. of Southern California, AARP, MOAA, MOWW, a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Church of Women United. Survivors include her niece Doreen Escher, nephew William Leggett, sister-in-law Barbara Leggett, her grandnephew Caleb and grandniece Autumn, and many, many friends. She is predeceased by her brothers William, Richard, and Robert and half brothers Ralph and Bill MacDougall.

SHINING GOLD AND SHINING SMILES!



TROOP 5912 Color Guard (left to right): **Azul Ramirez, Sophia Klass, Ivanna Alanis, and Kamilah Medina; Sophia Perez-Valles:** Gold Star recipient (far left) **Lucia Perez-Valles,** Color Guard Caller (far right, sister to Sophia)

On June 15, Commander **Ted Parsons, Valerie Rios**, Girl Scout Program Chair, and companion **Kathleen Brault** attended the annual Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony. A record-breaking number of Girl Scouts (61) from San Diego received the award and MOWW certificates at the Hilton La Jolla. The Gold Award is the most prestigious and difficult for a Girl Scout to earn. These young ladies are a fine example of extraordinary leadership. As each of the 61 scouts’ individual accomplishments was read aloud, it was evident that these girls certainly do follow the Girl Scout Law: to “make the world a better place.”



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STIRRING FLAGS AND STIRRING MUSIC IN OLD TOWN

Mormon Battalion, U.S. Army of the West, “Called To Serve” Flag Day Celebration By Kathleen Winchester

Feelings of patriotism surrounded the celebration of Flag Day in Old Town San Diego State Park. The first Flag Day was adopted June 14, 1777, by the Second Continental Congress. Its celebration has become a tradition at the Mormon Battalion Historic Site, and on Saturday, June 15, veterans from several wars were recognized for the service they have rendered during that war and their continued service to their community since the completion of their military service. Hundreds gathered to pay respect to the veterans and to honor the flag of the United States of America on the grassy grounds behind the historic site.

President **Brad Allen**, current Director of the Mormon Battalion Historic Site, was the officiator of this celebration. The American flag that has been flying at the site was retired and replaced with an American flag that flew at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where the newly inducted members of the Mormon Battalion gathered in 1846 to begin their march of nearly 2,000 miles across the deserts of the southern territories during the Mexican-American War. Reenactors of the Mormon Battalion color guard presented Old Glory to Kathleen Winchester, representing the San Diego Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, who will now respectfully retire the colors.

The Marine Band San Diego performed several other patriotic numbers prior to the celebration and several during the program and ending with God Bless America. **Lorah Bodie** led us in the National Anthem. Following the invocation by **Jack M. Shirley**, the crowd was welcomed by Fred Grand, president of the Old Town Chamber of Commerce.



President **Brad Allen**, Director of the Mormon Battalion Historic Site, welcomed the crowd and provided background on the purpose of this annual celebration. President **Brad Allen** reminded us that “We celebrate Flag Day annually to remember and recognize those men and women who served our great nation in defense of our freedom and liberties. May God continue to bless those individuals who have served so well!” He continued, “We recognize our five honorees as honorary members of the Mormon Battalion, US Army of the West, 1846-1847.

We meet today to remember those that have paid the price of freedom. We meet to remember the events that have shaped our lives and our society. We meet to strengthen our moral compass. Through the history of individuals and events we connect emotionally, spiritually, and find faith and courage to continue the American dream. Their story is and can become our story.”

Guest speaker and surprise honoree, Corporal **Mike Johnson**, USMC, (ret) spoke of his experiences of perseverance after his war experience which resulted in double amputee status as a veteran of Vietnam. Mike is someone who has lots of excuses for feeling sorry for himself, yet he has not let anything get him down. Since this harrowing experience and several surgeries and healing, his life continued as he has married his wonderful wife and had amazing children. Raised them to be fine adults and taught them to be productive citizens as he is a great example of moving forward in service. Nothing has stopped him. He has a great love for this country that has cost him so much.

The recognition ceremony continued with President Allen remarking on the continuing service of each of those being honored as **Mike Johnson** presented each of the honorees with a medallion. Centered in the medallion is a replica of the Mormon Battalion Monument standing above the historic site in Presidio Park, the location of old Fort Stockton. The medal was designed as a memorial to the Mormon Battalion for their faith, service, and sacrifice in defending our liberties and honors the recipients for their similar defense of the nation's freedoms.

Sister Allen assistant director of the Mormon Battalion Historic Site, presented each with a Mormon Battalion lapel pin, certificate and homemade bread and jam along with a Mormon Battalion knapsack replica signifying their induction into the site's Hall of Fame, where they were preceded by honorees from the past eight years.

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2019 Honorees are:



Michael Johnson, Cpl, USMC, Ret., (Purple Heart Recipient) Guest Speaker
Mayor Matt Hall, SGT US Army, Ret. (Purple Heart Recipient)
David A. Smith (WWII veteran's son who started the San Diego Honor Flights)
Martin V. Vasquez, SgtMaj, USMC, Ret (Purple Heart Recipient)
Bobby Woods, SgtMaj USMC, Ret. (USO Airport Director)

Following the benediction cake and ice cream were served. The red, white, and blue cake was ceremonially cut by Major **Donald R. Bennett**, USMC (Ret.) as is the tradition on the Marine Corps birthdays, using the Mameluke sword, a reminder that "we are a band of warriors, committed to carrying the sword, so that our nation may live in peace." The Marine Corps tradition of carrying this

sword dates from Lieutenant **Presley O'Bannon's** assault of Derna, Tripoli, in 1805.

An illuminating military historical exhibit by Kathleen Winchester and friends was arranged and decorated for Flag Day inside the facility for all to enjoy as they conversed with the honorees and enjoyed the refreshments that were provided. Flag Code pamphlets were provided for all as a reminder of this special day to honor Old Glory.



LOGAN WILSON 2018 PHOENICIAN AWARD WINNER

MOWW Commander-in-Chief LTC **John Hollywood** arrived from Maryland to make this special presentation of awarding to Mr. **Logan Wilson** the 2018 Phoenician Award and a check for \$2000. (Below) CINC Hollywood with **Logan Wilson** and his family.



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2019-2020 SAN DIEGO CHAPTER COMMAND ACTION PLAN (CAP)

SG-1 Increase membership and companions involvement

Increase membership by five new members, including perpetual members by June 30, 2020 and led by Recruiting Team.

SG-2 Improve and expand outreach programs

- ♦ Sponsor 16 students by name to the 2020 San Diego YLC by April 2020. Include non-JROTC schools, as well as South Bay JROTC units. Led by JROTC/ROTC Program Chair.
- ♦ Conduct the annual Massing of the Colors October 12, 2019 at Spreckels Organ Pavilion led by Chapter Commander.
- ♦ Sponsor Wreaths Across America at Greenwood Cemetery by December 2019 led by Operations, Budget, and Resources Program Chair.
- ♦ Add at least one more activity for the community. Led by Operations, Budget and Resources Chair.

SG-3 Raise MOWW awareness (publicity)

Increase publicity of MOWW, our chapter, and our activities through SDVC, our website, and Facebook, throughout the year. Add publicity in San Diego Veterans Magazine. Led by Newsletter Editor and Publicity Chair.

SG-4 Provide training and development

- ♦ Provide training for newly elected chapter officers in June 2019 led by outgoing officers.
- ♦ Provide on-going training/development for staff and other companions as appropriate led by Chapter Commander.

SG-5 Increase recognition

- ♦ Recognize two youth or organizations with the Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion by June 2020 led by Publicity Chair.
- ♦ Increase our visibility by recognizing community leaders with two Silver Patrick Henry Medallion award by June 2020 led by Publicity Chair.

RECRUITING, ENGAGEMENT, AND RETENTION (RER) PLAN 2019-2020

Strategic Goal 1: Recruit, Retain, and Involve

RECRUITING

- ♦ Increase membership by five new members, including Perpetual Memberships by June 30, 2020 coordinated by Recruiting Team.
- ♦ Encourage current Companions to sponsor family members as Perpetual Member Companions, including spouses and children by June 2020 led by Recruiting Team.
- ♦ Increase our visibility by recognizing community leaders with two Silver Patrick Henry Medallion awards by June 2020 coordinated by Publicity Chair.
- ♦ Increase our visibility by recognizing students and community leaders or organizations with two Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion awards and plaques by June 2020 coordinated by Publicity Chair.
- ♦ Increase publicity of MOWW, our chapter, and our activities through SDVC, our website, and Facebook, throughout the year including publicity through San Diego Veterans Magazine led by Newsletter Editor and Publicity Chair.
- ♦ Arrange booth at Bonitafest on the last Saturday in September. Led by Publicity Chair.

ENGAGEMENT

- ♦ Increase number of Companions in leadership positions and minimize number of Companions filling multiple positions as new Companions are incorporated. Led by Chapter Commander.
- ♦ Give new and current companions a role, program, or project throughout the year led by Chapter Commander.

RETENTION

- ♦ Reduce lapsed Regular Members (RM) to zero by June 30, 2020 coordinated by Recruiting Team.
- ♦ Ask Companion sponsors to follow up with those they sponsored to urge them to rejoin and suggest they convert to Perpetual Members throughout the year led by sponsors.
- ♦ Involve all Companions in some way throughout the year through personal contact, newsletter announcements of service opportunities, and social media led by Chapter Commander.

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Louis C. Gerken (Source: goodshepherdbonita@sbcglobal.net—June 2019 Newsletter)

As many are aware, Valerie Gerken Rios' father passed away on April 9th. Father George presided over the private service on Friday, May 31st at Miramar.

Louis C. Gerken

2019



BONITA —
Louis C.
Gerken, age 93,
passed away
April 9, 2019.

He was born in Lakewood,
New Jersey and attended
Barnegat High School.

Louis was a U.S. veteran
of WW II during which
he served with the
286th Combat Engineers
Battalion, 7th Army. He
participated in the final
advance into Germany
in 1944-45, and earned
the Bronze Star, Good
Conduct, Meritorious
Service, World War II
Victory, and Army of
Occupation. In 2016, the
French Embassy awarded
him the French Legion of
Honor medal.

Following WW II,



Louis remained in the
Army Reserves until his
retirement as a Colonel
in 1985. He served in
various assignments in
the Cold War 1945-1985.
He was an entrepreneur
and consultant in systems
management for the
Army, Air Force, and Navy.

Louis was President
of American Scientific
and was involved in
the leading edge of
Anti-Submarine Warfare
technology. His company
was a consulting leader
in the fields of ASW,
electronic warfare,
logistics, and research and
development.

Louis held patents on
various devices with
both military and civilian
applications. He held
advanced degrees in
Electronics Engineering
and authored seven
books.

Louis's experience was
internationally renowned,
having worked with the
Royal Air Force, Spanish,
Australian, and Japanese
Navies in the fields of

ASW and EW, both as
an engineer and as a
tactician. He developed
one of the first EW
training simulators for the
U.S. Air Force Strategic Air
Command. In his Army
Reserve capacity, he
had tours of duty in the
Pentagon with the Army
R&D Directorate.

Louis was preceded
in death by his wife of
66 years, Carmen. He is
survived by three children,
three grandchildren, and
two great-grandchildren.

Louis will be interred
at Miramar National
Cemetery May 31 with full
military honors.

Please sign the Guest Book online:
obituaries.sandiegouniontribune.com



ORIGINS: In 1919 during
his opening remarks to
MOWW's first convention,
Major Vandiver
foreshadowed the
MOWW Preamble by
saying,

"So then, sir, by
inheritance we are the
sixth generation of the
bald eagle's brood of
officers who answered
the call to arms in our
country's time of need.
We are no political
organization. We vent no
grievances. We enter no
complaints. We have no
selfish ends to serve. But
we are a great company
with a common purpose.
In the consideration and
solution of the pressing
problems of domestic and
foreign readjustment; in
the matter of our own
relationship with other
powers; of military and
naval policy; of
governmental
expenditures of
retrenchment, of capital
and labor, of radicalism
and conservatism, we, a
great constructive force,
are determined to be
heard and to make our
influence felt, that the
institutions of our
forefathers, fought for by
the plain people, of which
we are a considerable
part, shall not vanish
forever from this
continent."

This fervent, first-hand
testimony at our Order's
founding is just as
relevant and inspiring
today as it was a century
ago.

CDR KRIS SZCZECZOWICZ RETIREMENT



Kris delivering his
humorous remarks.

Our new chapter friend CDR Kris Szczechowicz,
celebrated his retirement from the USCG with over 21
years of service. He was instrumental in arranging CAPT
Montoro to speak to the chapter in May about the Coast
Guard and their Homeland Security roles. CDR Parsons
presented him with our Coin of Excellence. Kris was also
our Coast Guard representative for the laying of wreaths
ceremony for Wreaths Across America. The chapter
wishes great success for CDR Szczechowicz in
retirement!



Kris receiving Old Glory
from Flag Detail



Receiving special certificates
of appreciation for support of
Kris. Children are Luke and
Conner.



CDR Parsons presenting
CDR **Kris Szczechowicz**
with our Coin of
Excellence at our May
meeting.

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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT PLAN (PEP) FOR GIRL SCOUTS AND SCOUTING 2019-2020

Strategic Goal 2: Improve and expand outreach programs. (From Command Action Plan)

- ♦ Submit Chapter Award package to National HQ annually by June 1, 2020 led by Chapter Commander.

Scouting including Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, Adventurers, Sea Cadets

- ♦ Invite Scout leader to one monthly luncheon led by Scouting Chair.
- ♦ Provide certificates, including MOWW Fact Sheet, to Eagle Scouts at Eagle Courts of Honor during the year led by Scouting Chair.
- ♦ Attend Annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner during the spring led by Scouting Chair.
- ♦ Sponsor scouts by name to the 2020 San Diego YLC by May 1, 2020 led by Scouting Program Chair.
- ♦ Participate in Scouting activities, such as Scout Fair, throughout the year led by Scouting Program Chair.
- ♦ Invite Scouting, Cub Scout, Exploring, Adventure Scouting, and Sea Cadet units to participate in the December Wreaths Across America program at Greenwood Cemetery led by Operations Chair.
- ♦ Request Scouting color guard participation at activities such as our February Veteran Support Youth and Music Appreciation led by Operations Chair.
- ♦ Invite all Scouting units to participate in our annual October Massing of the Colors by March 2020 led by PR Chair.
- ♦ Invite Scouting representative to participate in Pledge of Allegiance or reciting Old Glory at our annual October Massing of the Colors by March 2019 led by Scouting Chair.

Girl Scouts, including Brownies, Daisies, Junior, Senior, and Ambassador Scouts

- ♦ Reach out to CEO to invite her to become a companion led by Chapter Commander.
- ♦ Invite Scout leader to one monthly luncheon led by Girl Scout Chair.
- ♦ Attend ceremony, and provide certificates, including MOWW Fact Sheet, to Gold Award Scouts at annual ceremony during May or June led by Girl Scout Chair.
- ♦ Sponsor scouts by name to the 2020 San Diego YLC by May 1, 2020 led by Girl Scout Chair.
- ♦ Participate in activities by June 2020 led by Girl Scout Chair.
- ♦ Invite Girls Scouts to sell cookies at February activity led by Girl Scout Chair.
- ♦ Request Girl Scout color guard participation at activities such as our February Veteran Support Youth and Music Appreciation led by Girl Scout Chair.
- ♦ Invite all Girl Scout units to participate in the December Wreaths Across America program at Greenwood Cemetery led by Girl Scout Chair.
- ♦ Invite all Girl Scout unit color guards to participate in our annual October Massing of the Colors by March 2019 led by PR Chair.
- ♦ Invite Girl Scout representative to participate in Pledge of Allegiance or reciting Old Glory at our annual October Massing of the Colors by March 2019 led by Girl Scout Chair.

THE FIRST CINC OF THE MOWW

The Military Order of the World Wars was founded nearly 100 years ago so we are upon our centennial anniversary. Over the coming months we will be displaying documents that showcase our early history. The first CINC of the MOWW was MG **George H Harries**, and he served in that capacity for 5 years. His organization and communication abilities enabled him to transform the fledgling MOWW into a united group of departments and chapters who would work to march in cadence toward national objectives set forth by the Preamble. He said of the order: "We should not be an association for the encouragement of retrospective conversation among garrulous veterans." "The MOWW offers a great bargain, the privilege – Dirt Cheap – of unselfish service; organized service." General Harries was a veteran of the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War and World War I. His assignments in the National Guard, US Army, and Officer Reserve Corps gave him invaluable experience and he was highly decorated by the US and WWI allied countries. He was born in Wales in 1860 and moved to America at a young age. Following his death in 1934 he received a glowing resolution at the MOWW convention in Miami. He remains the founder-leader to whom the Military Order owes its existence. LTC **Arthur Fowler**, MOWW Historian General. *"It is Nobler to Serve Than to be Served"*



MG George H Harries

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT PLAN FOR JROTC/ROTC 2019-2020

Strategic Goal 2: Improve and expand outreach programs. (From Command Action Plan)

- ♦ Submit Chapter Award package to National HQ annually by June 1, 2020 led by JROTC/ROTC Chair.

San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) JROTC Units

- ♦ Sponsor students by name to the 2020 San Diego YLC by May 1, 2020 led by JROTC/ROTC Program Chair.
- ♦ Conduct cadet sponsored JROTC August 2019 BBQ at Revere Center led by JROTC/ROTC Program Chair.
- ♦ Meet with and invite SDUSD JROTC cadre to attend activities led by Chapter Commander at August 2019 BBQ.
- ♦ Reach out to SDUSD JROTC current cadre to invite them to become companions led by Recruiting (RER) Team Leader during year.
- ♦ Invite JROTC participation in annual Essay Contest by January 2020 led by JROTC/ROTC Chair.
- ♦ Recognize SDUSD cadre for their service by June 2020 led by Chapter Commander.
- ♦ Recognize outstanding cadets in JROTC for leadership by May 2020 led by Adjutant.
- ♦ Participate with JROTC activities such as armed and unarmed drill competition, Cadet Brigade Staff selection Board, Cadet Ball, Annual Awards Ceremony, food drives, fundraisers, chaperones on field trips, and others throughout the year led by JROTC/ROTC Program Chair.
- ♦ Invite JROTC units to participate in the December Wreaths Across America program at Greenwood Cemetery led by Operations Chair.
- ♦ Request JROTC color guard participation at our February Veteran Support Youth and Music Appreciation, and other special activities, led by Operations Chair.
- ♦ Invite all 21 JROTC/ROTC color guards to participate in our annual October Massing of the Colors by March 2019 led by PR Chair.

South Bay JROTC Units

- ♦ Reach out to five other South Bay JROTC unit cadre to invite them to become companions led by Chapter Commander.
- ♦ Invite five other South Bay units to participate in San Diego Youth Leadership Conference by February 2020 led by Chapter Commander.
- ♦ Invite five other South Bay units to submit nominations for Bronze Patriotic Henry Patriotic Medallion by February 2020 led by Chapter Commander.
- ♦ Invite South Bay JROTC units to participate in annual Essay Contest by January 2020 led by Chapter Commander.
- ♦ Recognize outstanding cadets in JROTC for leadership by June 2020 led by Adjutant.
- ♦ Invite JROTC units to participate in the December Wreaths Across America program at Greenwood Cemetery led by Operations Chair.
- ♦ Request JROTC color guard participation at activities, including our February Veteran Support Youth and Music Appreciation by January 2020, led by Operations Chair.
- ♦ Improve partnership with South Bay JROTC units led by Chapter Commander.
- ♦ Invite all 21 JROTC/ROTC color guards to participate in our annual October Massing of the Colors by March 2019 led by PR Chair.

ROTC Units

- ♦ Reach out to current ROTC cadre in all three units to invite them to become companions led by Chapter Commander.
- ♦ Recognize outstanding ROTC cadets in all three units for leadership by May 2020 led by Chapter Commander.
- ♦ Improve partnership with Navy ROTC at USD led by Chapter Commander.
- ♦ Improve partnership with Army ROTC at SDSU led by JROTC/ROTC Program Chair.
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HISTORICAL TIDBITS

If you asked an average American today, "What happened on July 4th?" You would most likely get the reply, "That's Independence Day, when the Declaration of Independence was signed and proclaimed to the public." This, of course, would be a correct answer. Another event, however, also occurred on July 4th which is of great importance to the historical development of the United States. That event, which occurred on 4 July 1863, is the surrender of Vicksburg to Union Forces under the command of Major General **Ulysses S. Grant**.

In order to understand the historical significance of the Confederate surrender at Vicksburg, a review of the grand strategy of the Union in prosecuting the war against the Confederacy and the strategic importance of Vicksburg to the Confederacy is necessary.

After the first battle of Bull Run on 21 July 1861, it became evident to President Lincoln and his generals that the war against the Confederacy would not be a short 90 day affair, as everyone on the Union side believed before the battle. The Confederate Army was not a disorganized rabble which could be easily brushed aside. Consequently, there was a need for a grand strategy to prosecute the war. President Lincoln was presented with two strategic alternatives by the Commander-in-Chief of the Union Armies, General **Henry Halleck**. The first alternative was to defeat the main Confederate Army in the field. This plan promised the quickest avenue to a Confederate defeat. If the Confederate Armies could be decisively defeated, then it would be a simple task to occupy the rebellious states, arrest their leaders and crush the rebellion. Unfortunately, as Bull Run demonstrated, this was going to be a much more difficult, time consuming and bloody task than it originally appeared.

The second alternative Union strategy was a long term strategy called "Anaconda." This strategy, in which the Navy was to play a significant role, envisioned depriving the Confederacy of the economic means to carry on the war by blockading the major ports of the Confederacy. Since the south was a mainly agrarian area, it did not possess the industrial capacity to produce the large quantities of munitions necessary to support its armies. It needed

to purchase these abroad. In order to purchase these military essentials, it was necessary for them to be able to export their cotton and import munitions. A naval blockade was a key element of this strategy but it was not the only element. The second element of this strategy was control of the Mississippi River. Control of the Mississippi was essential to this strategy since it would allow the Union to cut the major commercial life line of the south. It would also prevent the South from



The Union Army is full Joy following the Surrender of the Confederate forces at Vicksburg, Mississippi On July 4th 1863 following 47 days of seige. . <http://adventure.quest.tripod.com/surrender-vicksburg.html>

circumventing the Union naval blockade by having war supplies and other manufactured goods delivered to ports in neutral Mexico and trans-shipping them by rail across Texas and Louisiana to the Confederate states east of the Mississippi. In addition, control of the Mississippi would split the Confederacy in two and deprive it of the substantial amounts of manpower and food, including flour, cornmeal, beef, sugar and salt, that the states west of the Mississippi provided to its armed forces.

This strategy would slowly strangle the Confederacy until it eventually surrendered.

President Lincoln, when presented with this two part strategy, decided that pursuing the first alone would be too costly and pursuing the second alone would take too long. Therefore, he decided to pursue both.

This decision on his part made the Vicksburg Campaign inevitable. The reason for this is because of the strategic importance of Vicksburg.

Throughout 1862, Union forces gradually gained control of the river, advancing from the south after capturing New Orleans with a naval operation in early 1862 and from the north through Kentucky and Tennessee. By early 1863, the only portion of the river in Confederate hands was the area around Vicksburg which was the only remaining river boat and rail connection between the Confederate states west of the Mississippi and those to the east.

Due to its importance to the Confederate cause, it was very well defended with both men and artillery. The initial attempts by Union Forces to take the city by storm in December 1862, under the command of General Sherman, were driven off by the Confederates. In the spring of 1863, General **Ulysses S. Grant** was placed in command of the Union forces around Vicksburg. Realizing that the

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terrain and fortifications around city greatly advantaged the Confederates, he devised a novel strategy to take the town. He crossed his army over to the west side of the river and marched them to the south of the city and with the cooperation of the navy brought them back to the east bank of the river on 30 April 1863 at Bruinsburg, Mississippi, 30 miles south of Vicksburg. He then marched his troops inland to menace the state capital, Jackson. This move brought out all of the nearby Confederate forces in the area under the command of General **Joseph Pemberton** to defend the capital. In a series of four battles, the largest of which was at Champion Hill, just south west of Jackson, on 16 May 1863, Grant defeated all of the Confederate forces, captured Jackson and drove the defeated remnants into the defenses at Vicksburg. When his initial attempts to take the city by storm on 19 and 22 May 1863 failed, he encircled the city and with the cooperation of the Navy placed it under siege. The siege lasted for 40 days, during which the city was bombarded daily by both the navy's river gunboats and the army's heavy artillery. By 3 July 1863, when his food supplies were virtually exhausted and he received word that there were no relief forces marching to his aid, General Pemberton requested surrender terms. After learning General Grant's terms, the following morning 4 July 1863, he surrendered the city, 29,500 men, 172 pieces of artillery and large amounts of rifles and ammunition.

The capture of Vicksburg cut the Confederacy in two and essentially removed the states of Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas as significant factors for the rest of the war. It also completed the blockade ring around the Confederacy and began the process of gradually strangling its economy and its ability to support its armies. Coupled with the Union victory at Gettysburg, which occurred the day before and often overshadows it in the history books, Vicksburg could be considered the beginning of the end of the Confederacy.

In addition, to its strategic importance, Vicksburg also brought General Grant to national prominence. Vicksburg, along with his victory several months later at Chattanooga, Tennessee, cemented his reputation as a winning general and led to his appointment in the spring of 1863 to the rank of Lieutenant General and Commander-in-Chief of the Union Army. During his time as Commander-in-Chief, he led the Union Armies to complete and total victory over the Confederacy. At the end of the war, General Grant was seen by many as what historian H.W. Brands dubbed, "The man who

saved the Union." This reputation eventually led him to the White House.

Thus, we can see that the Battle of Vicksburg had far reaching strategic and historic consequences. Its historical impact was far greater than the relative obscurity that it enjoys today. It not only helped to tip the strategic balance of the Civil War but it also brought to prominence the General who was able to finally defeat **Robert E. Lee** and the armies of the Confederacy. It was at Vicksburg that the outcome of the war was decided. There are many other events which have occurred on July 4th that enjoy far greater fame but few with as much strategic and historical importance.



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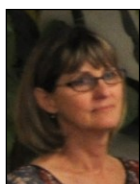
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