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Newsletter for January 2019

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Chapter Luncheon

This month's chapter luncheon will be held at the San Luis Obispo Elks Club starting at 11:30 am, January 16, 2019. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Colt Esenwein, the Director of Works for San Luis Obispo County. Colt was previously the assistant director of Public Works for Stanislaus County. He served in the Navy from 1990 to 1994, holds a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering from Cal Poly and is a registered professional civil engineer. He has been active in building coalitions of support and the balancing coalitions of support. Bring your questions about traffic, water issues, growth management and other infrastructure related activities.

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Commander's Message: LTC Louis Stout,

Our Chapter was formed over 27 years ago and continues to be active in our community since that time. We have sponsored and been successful with many programs. Some of the past year continuing activities and accomplishments include:

Cal Poly ROTC Awards and Commissioning Ceremonies
Grizzly Youth Leadership Conferences
Veteran Tribute Luncheons (WWII, Korean, and Vietnam)
Lost at Sea Memorial Day Ceremonies
Law Enforcement Month honoring select local police
Charles Paddock Zoo Statue and Sign special project
Your American Heritage Monument with Boy Scouts
And support to many other **Community/Veteran events**

Two signature highlight events were held at Camp San Luis Obispo jointly with the MOWW and the MOAA. We recognize and thank LTC Ortiz and his staff for sponsoring our highly successful **Annual Holiday**

Celebration (see attached write up and photos following). In November we had the pleasure of hearing the inaugural performance of “**Normandy**” by the Questa College North County Chorus. In December the same group sang and led us in patriotic songs and Christmas Carols.

Another highlight was the swearing in and induction of the incoming 2019 MOWW officers and staff by Lt Col David Worley, the Regional Commander.

MOAA/MOWW Christmas Luncheon, December 11, 2018, MOWW Version

The MOAA and MOWW combined Christmas Luncheon was held at the Officers Club at Camp San Luis Obispo Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

Base commander Lt Col Angel Ortiz arranged for an excellent venue for our combined luncheon. The buffet line was well stocked with rib-eye, salmon, potatoes & gravy, green beans with bacon with an array of beverages and desserts and the facility was well decorated. Tables were set with a salad and a couple of bottles of central coast fine wine.

MOWW District Commander Lt Col David Worley, USAF drove up from Los Angeles to conduct the induction of the officers for 2019. Commander Lt Col Louis Stout, Chaplain Major James Murphy, Treasurer Bonnie Harris, Sr Vice Commander Lt Ronald Janney, and Jr Vice Commander LTJG Joe Brocato assumed their respective office for the coming year.

The Questa College North County Chorus (*Vox Concordia Mundi*) Choral Group gave us a nice selection of Christmas music to set the mood for the Christmas Season...and we did a lot of sing-a-longs!

It was a very enjoyable afternoon, our thanks to all that participated and especially to Camp San Luis Obispo and their Officers Club.



Sergeant-At-Arms Remarks: MAJ Jim Murphy, USMC (Ret)

With the new year it is perhaps easy to not realize how many of our military comrades are across the globe: We read almost daily about Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq. But share with me where some of our brothers and sisters are also active: Guatemala: Marines and Guatemalan army engineers are building a temporary home for people displaced when a volcano erupted; Ghana Africa: Again, Marines are assigned to a Special Purpose Air Ground Task force working with the Ghanaian forces constructing terrain models; Romania: Troops working in the Black Sea participate in a live fire exercise in an annual field training exercise, strengthening our relationships with Romanian military; Egypt: Troops participate in Exercise Bright Star near the Egyptian military base at Mohamed Naguib Base, developing close working relationships with the country's forces; Japan: Navy and Marines assist in clearing debris during a base cleanup following Typhoon Trami's landfall on Okinawa. So while these events don't make the headlines, they make a significant impact on ensuring our close ties to our allies around the globe. Keep them in mind as you go about your daily chores!

Chaplains Corner, James Murphy

Chaplain's notes January 2019

The church calendar still shows "Christmas season". I hope you were able to keep a positive spirit during this festive time! Sadly there are some who dread the Christmas time and are despondent. At least one church in San Luis Obispo conducts a "Blue Christmas" service intending to help dispel some of that "blue". So as we begin another new calendar year, I offer this blessing and gratitude for all.

May your legacy---So breathtakingly unique---Stand as tall as

The mighty redwoods, With roots Planted deeply In moist, holy soil.

May your beauty And integrity Shine forth With the penetrating brilliance

Of the first light at dawn. May you be blessed with Peaceful serenity,

Joyful gratitude, And the hopeful reassurance

That you are Lovingly embraced By the Holy One. May it be so!

(Seeds of Gold, Br Timothy James Larson)

Adjutant: MAJ Jim Murphy, USMC (Ret)

Here's hoping you had a fine Christmas, and by the time you read this, have also had an enjoyable New Year's! Personally I don't get excited just because the hands of the clock have passed a moment in time, but that doesn't mean we can't express our love to family and dear friends as we look forward to all the new year offers ! Your local MOWW chapter has had a number of successes this past year, especially as we have socialized more with our fellow military friends in MOAA. There are a number of us (estimated about 35-40%) members in both organizations! While each organization is committed to slightly different aims, we hold our love of service and out country first and foremost! Be of good cheer and reach out to those less fortunate; offer a hand, a prayer, or just good thoughts! I look to seeing and greeting everyone in the coming months! Mark your calendars to ensure you know when we will meet, each month!

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Mark Your Calendar

Jan, 9th - MOWW EXCOM
Jan. 11th-MOAA Luncheon
Jan. 16th-MOWW Luncheon
Feb. 13-MOWW EXCOM

MOWW 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.