

MOWW NEWSLETTER



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Candid Camera: JROTC Awards Night at The Green Ladle, Lewiston HS, May 3rd, 2013. Senior Air Force JROTC Cadets; the MC's of the evening ceremonies announced the awards in a professional manner; LTC Mark Welborn, PMS of Lewiston's AF JROTC; Our own MG Steve Nichols pinning an MOWW medal on a deserving Lewiston Cadet.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013

MEETING STARTS AT 11:30 LUNCH AT 12 NOON

THE MUDDY RUDDER

ROUTE 1, YARMOUTH, ME

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



COMMANDER'S CORNER MG Steve Nichols
"Why should I?" That's one of the first questions that come to mind when we are asked to join an organization. "What's in it for me?" No one wants to join something just for the sake of joining and then have nothing to do with the group. So why be part of the Military Order of the World Wars? For one thing, the MOWW membership is made up of veterans of military service and their family members, so you know that you will be in good company and that you will have common experiences to share. Moreover, there are opportunities to assist other families, particularly young folks of high school age through such programs as the Youth Leadership Conference program and the JROTC units in Maine. You are familiar with the MOWW motto: "It is more noble to serve than to be served." From a more a more personal point of view, you may be informed by the speakers who address the Chapter meetings. We have most recently heard about the proposal to bring a de-commissioned aircraft carrier to the Casco Bay area as a floating museum; the Maine shipyard activities during World War 11; the induction program for the Armed Services activities, both past and present; and an explanation of the U.S. Postal Service activities, both present and projected. Future luncheon presentations are expected to include a history of Dow Air Force Base and an explanation of admission requirements at the Maine Veterans' Homes. We have our regular place at the Muddy Rudder in a quiet environment where we can enjoy good food and excellent service. Come join us!

JROTC - ROTC Award Ceremonies

Most of the schedule of Award Ceremonies have been completed. There are two more to go:

Brewer HS Air Force JROTC May 22 at 6 PM

Massabesic HS Navy JROTC May 31 at 6:30 PM

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Although there were four Youth Leadership weekends, Maine students chose only the last weekend, March 29, 30, and 31st to attend. Norwich offered a two for one fee during three of the early weekends this year but we had no schools take advantage of this opportunity. Our MOWW offered to sponsor one student from each of Maine's JROTC schools. (That number could have been doubled if a school elected the 2 for 1 weekends) We had only four students from Maine and just one of them from a JROTC school. It was disappointing to say the least as we have always had 8 to 12 students. We understand that some students are reluctant to write the required essay, "The Bill of Rights and My Responsibilities", but that is all a part of it.

The four students attending were: Kyle Bridges, Sacopee Valley HS, Zachary Childs, Erskine Academy, Christopher Gagnon, Thorton Academy, and Daniel Place from Sanford Regional Technical Center. Good for them!

May 3rd, 2013

Left: Rey Moreau presenting a Lewiston High School JROTC Air Force Cadet with his medal.

Right: Rey Moreau, Steve Nichols, and Bob Barton at the Lewiston AF JROTC Awards Night



MOWW OFFICERS FOR 2013-2014

State and Chapter Commander: MG Stephen Nichols

Vice Commanders:
COL Robert Barton
(Medals Officer & YLC)
CAPT Alan Johnston
(Admin Assistant to the State & Chapter Commander)
LT Joseph Griffin
(Membership Officer & Guest Speaker Officer)

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Adjutant: LT Peter Stark

Chaplain: MAJ Reynald Moreau

Marshall: CAPT Alan Johnston

Newsletter Editor: Companion Bev Barton

Faithful Mascot: LT Basil Johnston
(Special Consultant to the State and Chapter Commander)

MG Nichols presided as Guest Speaker on May 10th at the Commissioning Program for the ROTC at USM.



WHEN DO WE MEET?

REMAINING MEETINGS FOR 2012-2013

All Staff and Chapter Meetings will be held at the Muddy Rudder Restaurant on Route 1 in Yarmouth.

Meeting Time is 11:30 AM

Staff Meetings

August 17, 2013

November 16, 2013

Chapter Meetings

May 18, 2013

September 21, 2013

December ?

Region 1 Annual Convention 2013

The Region 1 Annual Convention will be held on Saturday, June 1st, 2013. The Region 1 Commander, CAPT Harry Weinberg of the Greater Boston Chapter, has chosen to move this year's MOWW Convention to Newport, Rhode Island. The Narragansett Bay Chapter will be hosting this event. For information on lodging and restaurants, meeting place and time, call Steve Nichols or Bob Barton. The registration deadline is May 25th. They can e-mail the information to you.

National MOWW Convention

The National Convention for MOWW will be held this year in Dallas, Texas August 12-18, 2013. More about this venture in your MOWW magazine "Officer Review" in the upcoming issues.

Check out our Website maintained by Deo Lauria
www.mainemoww.sabattus.net

Would you like to contribute an article, a picture with caption, etc. to this newsletter? Looking for interesting information to share with other MOWW members. Email information to:
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A USM ROTC Cadet is sworn into the Army as a 2nd LT by PMS MAJ Joshua Stringer on May 10th at Luther Bonney Hall, USM



MOWW NEWS HIGHLIGHTS:

Chamberlain Chapter MOWW member teaching in Okinawa
Letter from receiver of MOWW Award ; New member sworn in



MAJ Constance Hoksch, formally PMS at Brewer High School and a MOWW Perpetual member, is now a PMS at Kadena High School Air Force JROTC on the island of Okinawa. She contacted our Chapter concerning receiving medals and certificates for her AF Cadets and we were able to assist her thru MOWW Headquarters. Her school is one which receives its medals directly thru National and paid for with all the members' dues and contributions.

Connie is pictured as she receives her Chamberlain Chapter membership pin and certificate at Brewer High School .

MAJ James Brown, MD , USA, was sworn in as a member at the March 16 Chapter meeting. He told us about his career and his work at the New England Processing Center for entry into the Armed Forces. Welcome to our Chapter.

A thank you letter from Midshipmen 2/C Samuel Hall of Maine Maritime Academy.

5 May 2013

To whom it may concern<

I would like to take a few moments to thank you and your organization for the award you gave me. Since I first decided I wanted to serve my country at a young age, I have done everything in my power to do so to the best of my ability. I see service not as a task but as an opportunity to give back to my country. The Award of Merit that I received from your organization means a lot to me. It shows that others do see what we are doing and what we are preparing to do. Though I would proudly serve my country without recognition, it is always a morale booster to see the support of others. Thank you for recognizing my efforts with your award. I will endeavor, with the confidence you have bestowed in me, to carry out my duties to the fullest extent possible.

Very respectfully, Midshipman 2/C Samuel Hall

New 2/LTs at the USM 2013

Commissioning Ceremony at USM. These four Cadets John Cushing of Waterville, Andrew Doyle of Augusta, Sarah Oliver of Cumberland, and Michael Green of Elliot, are the Maine group of ROTC Wildcat Battalion based at UNH.



