



Office of  
The Commander-in-Chief

**THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS®**  
**435 NORTH LEE STREET**  
**ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314-2301**

22 March 2021

Dear Companions:

The EXCOM has a scheduled meeting on 16 April 2021 at which time a decision will be made whether to have a virtual or an in-person MOWW Convention in Dearborn/Detroit, Michigan, in early August. Whether the MOWW Convention is virtual or in-person, a convention will be held.

As immunizations are increasing and pandemic parameters are decreasing, chapters and regions are beginning to have in-person meetings and events. YLCs are being planned to occur this spring and early summer. The importance of having a well planned and executed, safe, in-person convention is apparent to many and it is the task of the EXCOM to determine if this is desirable by the Order.

Current data regarding the pandemic is encouraging. Testing 7-day average % positivity is  $\leq 5\%$  in the U.S. and, particularly, in Michigan and Detroit. The goal is less than 5%. The 7-day moving average of administered vaccines is 2.1 million vaccines administered per day. This rate of vaccination is likely to increase in the coming days given the addition of new vaccines, and even at this rate, herd immunity (85% of population vaccinated) is likely to occur in approximately 84 days, or by mid-June. Sixty-five percent of individuals  $\geq 65$  years of age have had at least one vaccination. On 18 March, the CDC published their COVID-19 ensemble forecasts which predict that over the next 4 weeks the number of newly reported COVID-19 cases will likely decrease. Although there are no guarantees, current trending remains positive. If an in-person MOWW Convention is held, strict CDC guidelines (masks, social distancing, hand sanitizing) and the state of Michigan requirements will be employed at the hotel and convention sites.

The EXCOM authorized the SVCINC to conduct a survey of Companions to determine whether there would be sufficient attendance to warrant an in-person convention, and under what conditions, or alternatively if a virtual convention should be planned. The result is a 10-question survey hosted on the platform Survey Monkey, which can be reached by clicking on the link below. This survey is being sent to you to help define Companions' wishes and likelihood of attending an in-person convention or alternatively a virtual convention.

The following are brief instructions for completing the survey. Access the survey by clicking the link below. Answer each of the 10 questions. Each question requires only one answer. There is an optional "Comments" box at the end of the survey. Even if you are sent more than one invitation for the survey, take the survey only once. The suspense date for survey completion is NLT 29 March 2021. The link for the Survey Monkey follows:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XHK8PD6>

Responses to the survey will be analyzed and recorded in a memo sent to the EXCOM. It is my intent to publish the 16 April 2021 memo to the EXCOM on the website. Please be sure to take the survey as soon as possible, but no later than 29 March 2021.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sincerely,

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

FREDERICK R. LOPEZ, BGen, USMCR, (Retired)  
Commander-in-Chief & Chief Executive Officer, MOWW, Inc.®

Distribution:

1. MOWW Chapter, Department, and Region Commanders
2. EXCOM, Senior National Officers, MOWW GSOs, Committee Chairs
3. PCINCs