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The Commander in Chief

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**SUBJECT:** Guidance to Commanders (OY 2021)

**TO:** MOWW SVCINC, VCINCs, and Region, Department, Chapter, and Cadre Commanders

1. The CINC, SVCINC, VCINCs, and all other commanders shall lead Companions in preserving and protecting the Order and its subordinate commands to ensure the Order's vibrancy and longevity. The MOWW Constitution, Bylaws, Strategic Plan, and Policy Manual shall guide us. Commanders shall also:
  - a. Promote the good of the Order, mission accomplishment, and Companion fulfillment. Establish new cadres and chapters in regions. Help the Order be a continuously learning and improving organization.
  - b. Promote vertical and horizontal coordination, inclusive teamwork, and professional courtesy. Establish and maintain personal communications to promote inclusiveness, collegiality, and mutual respect.
  - c. Aid chapters and cadres in achieving the Order's Strategic Goals, in executing their Chapter/Cadre Action Plan (CAP), in implementing their leadership succession plans, and in promoting greater involvement of younger and more diverse Companions.
  - d. Ensure region conferences focus on Strategic Goal performance, training, recognition, and camaraderie. Ensure region conferences and chapter meetings result in published meeting minutes that document agendas, decisions, assignments, progress on initiatives, and successes achieved.
  - e. Annually assess chapter and region commands and report the same as guided by the MOWW Policy Manual, with recommendations and timelines.
2. If you have questions, please contact your immediate senior commander, the Chief of Staff, or me.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sincerely,

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