## San Diego Chapter The Military Order of the World Wars



The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) is a non-political, patriotic Veterans Service Organization (VSO) centered on the idea embodied in its motto that "It is nobler to serve than to be served." The Military Order's founding in 1919 resulted from General of the Armies John J. "Blackjack" Pershing's request that his officers continue serving America after their active military service ended.

Consequently, MOWW promotes and encourages good citizenship, patriotic education, and military and public service. MOWW serves America's youth by hosting Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) programs throughout the United States at no cost to high school students. MOWW also sponsors awards programs for Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and Junior ROTC cadets (JROTC), the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), and the Girl Scouts of the USA (GS-USA). Specifically, we recognize Eagle Scouts at Courts of Honor as well as attending Eagle Scout Recognition Dinners.

Another major event sponsored annually is the Massing of the Colors. It is a patriotic ceremony to rededicate our faith in the colors of the United States and to pledge our support to those Colors and of the Servicemen and women those Colors represent. It combines the colors and color guards of Active and Reserve Component military units, veterans' organizations, civic and patriotic organizations. The Massing originated with The Society of the Massing of the Colors, which was organized on Armistice Day, 1922, by distinguished military officers, veterans and civic leaders. MOWW sponsors these ceremonies nationwide.

Additionally, MOWW formally honors those who excel in the national security, homeland security, and law and order. The San Diego Chapter was founded in 1926. We meet monthly offering a variety of program themes and activities mentioned above throughout the year.

We are a group of patriotic US Federally commissioned officers (active duty, retired and former) from all uniformed services, our spouses and descendants. If you or someone you know is eligible and would like to learn more about MOWW, please contact us through our website.

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