

## GENEROSITY & KINDNESS PERSONIFIED

BRIG GEN ARTHUR B. MORRILL III, USAF (RET)  
CHIEF OF STAFF, MOWW

With the greatest gratitude, The Military Order of the World Wars® is pleased to announce that PCINC Colonel James D. Elmer, USAF (Retired), and Mrs. Ruth B. Elmer, HPM, have donated \$100,000 to the Military Order. This gift will be used to support Phoenician Award Essay Prizes.

Their extreme generosity is yet another example of just how selfless, kind and giving these two great Companions are. This much-appreciated gift follows their generous \$6,000 contribution to the CINC Solicitation. Their donation to the CINC Solicitation made it possible for the Order to achieve its goal this year. We Companions are lucky to have them as our companions.



**Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,  
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,  
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,  
as long as ever you can.**

—John Wesley, 1703-1791



### BIOGRAPHIES

Past CINC Col James D. Elmer, USAF (Retired), served two tours in Southeast Asia as a navigator, accumulating 9,000 flying hours with 800 combat hours. His awards include the Legion of Merit (two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal (ten Oak Leaf Clusters).

Following duty as an ROTC instructor and an assignment at Air Force ROTC Headquarters, he was Base Commander at Little Rock AFB and then Commander of the Air Force Aerospace Audiovisual Service (AAVS). In 1986, he was awarded the US Air Force's Order of the Sword, a special program where noncommissioned officers of a command honor individuals they hold in high esteem.

As a Companion and under his leadership, the number of students receiving flag education has increased each year. In 2016 approximately 6,000 Arkansas fifth graders received flag education training. He continues to serve as an active member of many patriotic organizations.

Ruth B. Elmer is a Hereditary Perpetual Member of MOWW, and has been involved in numerous MOWW activities over the years. She was also a teacher and substitute teacher, and a children's choir director. She is a member of the P. E. O. Sisterhood. The Elmers have four children.

