

The MoVillage logo was originally submitted to the US Patent and Trademark Office – Wash DC back in the early part of the year (2024) for national registration.

As of June 2024, the logo has officially been registered by the US Patent and Trademark Office – Wash DC. Congratulations to MoVillage!

As creator and owner of this project (Gen Xer, military vet and father of 3 grown-ups), I am very proud of the fact that I could honor my grandmother who remains my #1 mentor, with my own personal memorialization to her. The spirit of gratitude remains with me and even though she is no longer physically here, her spirit, love and wisdom will always stay with me and I will always be grateful and try to carry on with what she (and so many others like her) tried to teach me and others.

Also, to experience some of what I knew to be her passions in life. (i.e. service, leadership, mentorship, positive wisdom and the like.) I am impacted and reminded daily, even now as I approach my sixtieth (60th) birthday, (which I am also blessed to share with her memories), I am reminded as I continue to grow, that I will always be so thankful for all of the wisdom she gave. So, for her and those like her who have represented or now represent positive wisdom, leadership and mentorship, the MoVillage project is dedicated to those sources of light and positivity and positive energies targeted towards growth.

So, to briefly fill in the background of this logo story and where the idea of its' development came from, the idea was born like this;

While I was still on active duty in the Army and stationed at Pacific Command Headquarters in Hawaii, my mother and grandmother came to visit. She (my late grandmother) kept saying she wanted to go to the beach and see the Pacific Ocean. See the ocean, "I want to see the Pacific Ocean", she said. Of course, that was on the to-do list and once we got her there I could tell that she had already imagined the glorious beauty of the ocean. But with the backdrop of some of the mountain ranges on the island, along with the ocean waters, and the gentle breeze, her facial expression indicated to me that it was even better than she had imagined. With her eyes facing across the oceans 'forever horizon' and with her feeling the refreshing misty salt water cool breeze on her face and seeing all of that surrounding her, it was obvious that she was enjoying every moment. I could see it in her eyes that she was in a quiet, peaceful and reflective place. She told me that "she could write all day out here" and that conversation she and I had that day always has played back in my mind and led me to be driven towards working on an idea for a logo+ with her 'representation' in it as result of our time spent on that day and thruout my life with her and the reflective gratitude and love that has always deeply remained.

I am driven not only by the memory of seeing her in that moment, but I was and am also motivated as a “make-up” for something she told me once (some great wisdom-filled advice) and I did not adhere to it and I regretted it later. She had told me before deploying overseas to the Middle East, to document my story and time, before, during and after my deployment. See, she already knew the value over time of what that would bring me later.

And of course, after not following her sage and wise advice I regretted it. One reason was because I know she loved to write (she was a staff community writer for the hometown newspaper (The Daily Mountain Eagle – Jasper, AL), she also was a community worker, a volunteer, a matriarch of the family with endless wisdom, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, great grandmother and a mentor to so many within the places and communities she called home.

Like so many others I know, that can relate and that have or have had a mentor that will always be with them, I came up with this concept to honor her and them because I was the one who took the photo of her and remember how peaceful and relaxed she obviously was in that moment and it also allowed me to reflect on how much she had given in her life. Still remembering that part to this day. So in her twilight of life at the beach, I remembered that day to document ([via the photo](#)) of the special event that occurred for the both of us.

Being able to reflect, relax and have your mind, body and spirit in an enjoyable space is always important.

“Find your peace and always protect it, she would say”. “Help others”. “Treat others how you want to be treated”. “Stand up to bullies, they are really just cowards”. “Do your part and allow God to handle the rest.” “Don’t be anywhere where you are not wanted”, “You get out of it, what you put into it” and “Don’t take any wooden nickels”. Were other simple wisdom nuggets, amongst the other many strong, powerful and true words of wisdom she would share.

Working on this project has allowed me reflect on those words, her service and the many lives she has touched, not to mention the impact on me and others (represented in the logo by the people images drawn in around her). I am grateful, just like so many others that can relate to having or have had that #1 mentor in your life. This logo and site are dedicated to her and those like her in that spirit of growth and positive wisdom.