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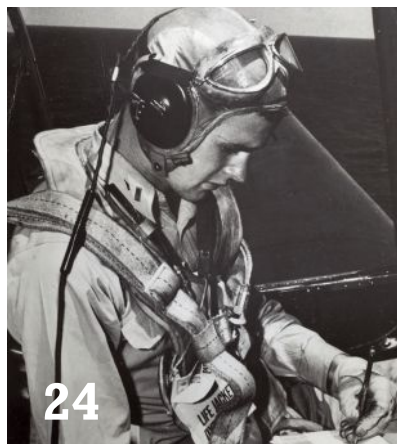


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### MOPH MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among Combat Wounded Veterans, promote Patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives, and most importantly, provide service to all veterans and their families.

### MOPH VISION STATEMENT

“MOPH is to undertake a Pro-Active Representation in all forums of public opinion that will consistently seek to improve the status and stature of its Veteran Members, their dependents, families and survivors.”

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## How Are We Doing?

**A**S YOU MAY RECALL, our mission is threefold. First is to stabilize our relationship with the Foundation. We are still working on that and have had several meetings with the leadership team of the Foundation and have shown progress. As a voting member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation and on the Executive Committee during my tenure as National Commander of the MOPH, I attended the Foundation's annual meetings in Las Vegas last October.

The meetings were educational. I've come to learn that the funding for the Foundation is unstable and they are working diligently to improve the situation. The revenue sources that include thrift stores and the automobile donation program are slowly eroding and the results are that the Foundation has lost over \$7 million this year. The CEO of the Foundation calls it "deficit spending." The MOPH leadership team, led by your National Commander, is in discussions on how to fix the situation. I will have more to report on that in my next letter to the membership. Let's call our complicated relationship with the Foundation a work in progress.

The second phase of the mission is to reach out to corporate America for funds to stop the bleeding, bringing in funds directly to the MOPH. We have prospects in the pipeline with progress to report. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Smith (Fred Smith is the founder, chairman and CEO of Fed Ex) have raised their pledge from \$400k to \$450k. The first installment arrived in November of \$50k, targeted to the scholarship program. We are back in business with our scholarship outreach, I am pleased to report. Also, we have received a \$100k investment from the Independence Fund, instituting a joint effort to improve our work with seriously wounded combat vets and their re-

habilitation. Additional funds are on the horizon with the Independence Fund. We will see additional funds from our efforts over the years as we complement our service program by aiding and assisting the severely wounded vets in cases such as ALS. This partnership will strengthen our already powerful outreach to Purple Heart recipients across America, empowering our nation's wounded.

The third phase of our mission is to develop a national network television legacy program across the country that will solicit funding from the U.S. citizenry for a monthly commitment of \$19.32. This program will bring long-term

funds to stabilize the MOPH while simultaneously gaining important public relations as we broadcast our important story to TV households across America. We are in the early stages of this revenue sharing program with the top TV and cable networks. We have secured resources to engage celebrity spokespeople. I have met with several TV networks to establish distribution of our message. Significant funds will be required to institute this program, which will prove to be a very important investment for our beloved MOPH.

Great things are happening. I will have more to report as new announcements are on the horizon. ✧





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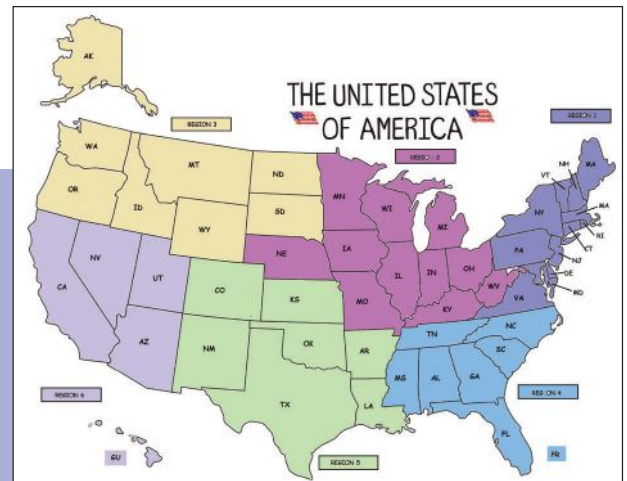
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## It's Time to Rise!

**P**ATRIOTS, I WANT EACH OF YOU to look in the mirror and ask yourself, “Where did 2018 go? What did I accomplish? Did I do a good job? Where could I have improved?” These are the challenges that the Order is facing to ensure its survival. By the time this message is read in the New Year, we, the Order, should have a full scope of the relationship between the foundation and Order. This message is not to point any fingers, but it is time for us, the members of the Order, to rely on ourselves.

The situation was caused by lack of transparency and, more importantly, accountability by the membership of the MOPH. Norfolk, Va., in 2016 was the final catalyst of the downward spiral and the two years in between have been status quo. With only seven months to our next convention—and I hope that we are on track to having a convention—we, the members and leaders, need to step up to the plate. No more of the same rhetoric of “We need to give it more time.” I am done with

this model and I trust you are too.

We are going to have some trying times ahead of us, but this is nothing new to those of us who have shed our blood on the battlefield. We knew that combat would test and maim us, but in our spirits and hearts, we knew that we would rise and survive. So, I ask each one of you to rise!

I wish you and your family, and our order, success in all our endeavors. ✧

### MOPH MEMBERSHIP TOP RECRUITERS as of December 7, 2018

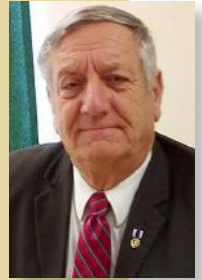
Member	Chapter	No Recruited	National Service Officer	State	No Recruited
John A Lunkwicz	1513-TX-5	29	NSO Joseph LaRocca	PA	4
Neil Van Ess	0366-NJ-1	24	NSO Nickolas Easterling	MI	2
Ryan M Sabinish	7110-MN-2	15	NSO Paul Kaiser	MI	2
Joseph S Schaler	0159-IL-2	6	NSO Gilbert H Ochoa	TX	1
James D Bracken	1919-TX-5	5	NSO Dave Srock	MN	1
			NSO Troy Westphal	MN	1
			NSO Martha S Yrbarra	TX	1

## Good Communication is a Work in Progress

**A**S IN ALL NEW BEGINNINGS, we hope 2019 will prove to be a good one for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. As we have started to put our differences aside and are working together to make our organization what it should be, let us continue to attain the goals we set for ourselves in this new year. As progress is being made on better communication between our leaders and membership, we must remember that good communication is always a work in progress. Our working together should always follow the golden rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. A higher level of success can be reached as we support and pray for our organization and our national leadership. ✧

*"I invite you to pray in your religious tradition...as I pray in mine."*

*I challenge you this month to set aside time to pray (each day) for our nation, our national leaders (at all levels), and all of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guard who serve in harm's way. Pray for their families who wait upon them, and pray that in this new year peace may come to our world. May the peace that comes from above be with you and yours in 2019.*



Samuel J Tilden Boone  
U.S. Army Chaplain (Ret.)

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*"HONORING OUR PRESENT, REMEMBERING THE PAST AND PRESERVING THE LEGACY!"*



## Sign Up a New Member Today!

HOPE THAT ALL PATRIOTS HAD A VERY HAPPY and prosperous holiday season! Christmas was a time for giving and forgiving. New Year's was a time for your resolutions, and for improving MOPH activities, for you and your organizations. I hope you participated in both endeavors.

Region III departments and chapters, which comprise the Great Northwest, continue to lead from

the front in their communities. From Alaska to the Dakotas, we are improving the quality of life for our Patriots/family members, while assisting those in need in our communities. This is our touchstone. Service above self is more than just words. It's taking care of our own, while assisting others in our local areas. Region III continues to emulate this, in all their activities and community involvement.

Membership is everyone's responsibility, and needs to be one of our top priorities. The best way to get a new member is to ask and engage Purple Heart recipients. We need to continue to seize every opportunity to add to our numbers. There are many Purple Heart recipients out there who are not members of MOPH. Find

them and sign them up. The larger we grow, the farther MOPH can go!

This will be another challenging year, in meeting the goals and financial obligations that we have set for our departments and chapters. Get your reports in on time, nominate a Patriot of the year candidate, brainstorm new ideas for fundraising, recruit and engage your new members. Then get them involved in department/chapter activities. If they are actively involved, they will be more productive Patriots in MOPH. Communicate, communicate, communicate!!

Finally, thanks for all you do for our Patriots, family members and communities, for it all starts there! ✧

THE DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA has participated in several philanthropic events to include the Foundation for Community Health, Brain Injury Alliance of Montana, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Grateful Nation Montana in its successful non-profit fundraising initiatives.



Brain Injury Alliance: Big Sky Challenge – 25 August 2018

### REGION III EVENTS



THROUGH CHAPTER 2016 Commander Pete Oakander's tenacity and tireless efforts, the state of Montana and MDOT conducted an internal evaluation and realized that there had been an oversight to the implementation of the Purple Heart Trail system that had been passed as a Senate Bill in 2003. This past fall Commander Oakander's efforts culminated in the largest Purple Heart Trail system in the lower 48.





SHARING STORIES with Medal of Honor recipient Msgt. Leroy Petri and his constant companion, Tommy, at the Association of the U.S. Army, in October at the annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Pictured (L to R) are Rick Rinaldo, MOPH Virginia; MOH recipient Msgt. Petri; Tommy; and Region III Commander MOPH Wyoming, Barry D. Gasdek.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE James Mattis recently visited F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Cheyenne, Wyoming, to participate in a veterans' remembrance event. He was at the event to return bells to the Philippines that have been at the base since 1901.



One of the Bells of Balangiga being returned home to the Philippines.



Barry D. Gasdek, Region III Commander MOPH, with Secretary Mattis.



Commander Gasdek and Philippine Ambassador Jose Manuel Romualdez, who was at the ceremony with the Secretary of Defense.

## REGION III EVENTS



THE CITY OF EATONVILLE, a suburb of Tacoma at the foot of Mount Rainier, has become a Purple Heart City, joining six other Washington cities and two counties in saluting and honoring veterans.



EACH YEAR ON VETERANS DAY, the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs and the Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee recognize veterans for service to the veteran community. This year Past National Commander Bruce McKenty was selected for the Superior Service Award. There were more than 160 nominations for the honor. The presentation was at the Auburn Veterans Day Parade, the largest Veterans Day parade west of the Mississippi.

## REGION III EVENTS



CEREMONY AT GOVERNOR Matt Mead's office in Cheyenne, Wyoming, signing a proclamation declaring August 7 as Purple Heart Day in Wyoming.

You can find more Region III Events in the News & Gathering section starting on p. 30



## Congress acts on MOPH Priorities

**A**S THE 115TH CONGRESS COMES TO A CLOSE, I just wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some of the many MOPH legislative victories over the last two years. In the summer of 2017, Congress passed the historic Forever GI Bill, which removed the 15-year time limit for new enlistees that veterans have to use the GI Bill, and made important fixes for reservists, among other things. It also removed the 36-month service requirement necessary

to receive the full benefit for post-9/11 Purple Heart recipients, a provision strongly supported by MOPH. Our message on that was simple: if you were wounded in combat, you met the service requirement, period. Congress listened and the bill became law.

Then last June, Congress passed the VA Mission Act. This bill made many improvements to the VA Community Care Program, formerly known as the Choice Program, as well as granting additional resources to recruit and retain more doctors at VA facilities. Equally important, it expanded the VA caregiver program to include veterans of all eras. This was something that MOPH had supported for years, and we finally got it done.

Then last fall, Congress passed legislation to grant on-

base access to exchanges, commissaries and MWR facilities to all Purple Heart recipients, disabled veterans and their caregivers. This will begin in January 2020. It also finally authorized Space-A travel for veterans with 100 percent disabilities rated as permanent and total. Unfortunately, DOD is currently interpreting this law to exclude spouses. MOPH thinks this makes no sense, and we will continue to work to get it fixed this year.

As always, I would like to thank all MOPH Patriots, Auxiliary and Associate members who contacted their Congressional representatives and Senators about these important bills. It is because of you that we had such great success in the 115th Congress, and I am confident that we will have an equally successful 116th Congress, together. ✱

### Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship Program

THE PURPLE HEART SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is a competitive scholarship program that awards scholarships to Purple Heart recipients and their spouses, children, and grandchildren each year.

The 2019 Purple Heart Scholarship application package is now available. Funding for the 2019 Purple Heart Scholarship Program has been provided by a generous grant from Mr. Frederick W. Smith.

2019 Application: [www.purpleheart.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-Scholarship-Application-Package-11-19-2018.pdf](http://www.purpleheart.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-Scholarship-Application-Package-11-19-2018.pdf)

Deadline for ALL scholarship applications is 5:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time) **March 1, 2019**. No exceptions will be granted.

For eligibility and more information on the scholarship program:  
[www.purpleheart.org/military-order-of-the-purple-heart-scholarship-program/](http://www.purpleheart.org/military-order-of-the-purple-heart-scholarship-program/)

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Missouri Sales Tax	8.1%	8.1%	8.1%	8.1%
Tourism Tax	4%	4%	4%	4%
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When reservations are made, a deposit equal to the room rate and tax for the first night for each reservation is required. This deposit is refundable only if the hotel receives timely notice of cancellation: 2 days before check in date.

Guests will need to present a valid credit card upon check in at which time a pre-authorization of \$75 can be obtained to cover the incidentals, damages, and/or room charges of the stay. Guests are required to provide home/business address and email address.

There are 8 ADA rooms; 4 have a roll-in shower and 4 have a tub with bar assistance

Refrigerators and/or microwaves are available in Suites only. They can be requested for \$20 per unit per day for other rooms.

**Check in:** 4:00 pm day of arrival (please provide flight arrival times)

**Check out:** 11:00 am day of departure (late checkout after 2pm may incur a half-day rate). Early departure checking out before check out date, will be a penalty of 1-night stay.

All rooms and suites feature upscale amenities, including complimentary Wi-Fi, 37" flat-screen HDTVs, Keurig coffee makers and plush bedding. Spacious bathrooms have granite countertops, Kohler massaging shower heads and luxe bath amenities.

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- Room service
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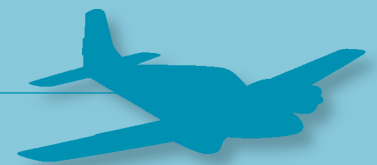
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- Lambert-St. Louis International Airport**
- Adams Field Airport**

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- Airport Code – MCI
- Airport Code – STL
- Airport Code – LIT

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# Real Appeals: Appealing to the Board of Veterans' Appeals

by BVA Advocate Jamar Creech and National Service Director Arthur Coleman III

**T**HE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS OF APPEALING a substantive claim to the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA) begins with the VA Form 9 (Appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals). It is important that the claimant (the veteran filing the claim) properly completes the VA Form 9 to ensure that their issues receive the appropriate consideration by the BVA. Proper completion of the VA Form 9 is essential because the BVA has recently decided to move away from the use of the VA Form 646 (Statement of Accredited Representative in Appealed Case).

## What is an appeal?

An appeal arises when a claimant receives a decision from the Regional Office that is not favorable, and the claimant wants to have that decision changed. The claimant must describe, in detail, why the decision by the Regional Office was incorrect. An appeal consists of a timely filed Notice of Disagreement (NOD). 38 C.F.R. §302(a) (2018). The NOD is filed after a Statement of the Case (SOC) has been furnished by the Regional Office. 38 C.F.R. § 20.200 (2018).

## When should you file an appeal?

The claimant should file an appeal after they have received the SOC. The claimant has until one year from the mailing date of the decision or within 60 days of the SOC or 60 days from the last Supplemental Statement of the Case (SSOC), whichever is later. 38 C.F.R. § 20.302(b)-(c) (2018). If there is a contested claim, then the appeal shall be filed within 30 days from the date of the SOC. 38 C.F.R. § 20.501(b) (2018). A claimant may file for an extension of time for "good cause" if requested during the appeal period. A denial of a request for an extension may be appealed to the Board. 38 C.F.R. § 20.303 (2018).

## How do you write a substantive appeal?

In the VA Form 9, the claimant must identify all issues to be considered by the Board of Veterans Appeals. The claimant must set out specific arguments relating to the errors of law made by Agency of Original Jurisdiction (AOJ). Ideally, the claimant's arguments should relate to the SOC and SSOC. The claimant should seek the assistance of a National Service Officer (NSO) to draft the Notice of Disagreement (NOD).

## What language is required for the appeal?

The NSO must identify specific issues, facts that are in dispute, and explain why the veteran (claimant) is entitled to benefits. The appeal should also present a legal basis as to why the claimant is entitled to benefits.

## How should a veteran proceed with an appeal?

If you disagree with a decision made regarding your claims, then the next step is to contact your NSO. It is extremely important that the VA Form 9 is completed and is as thorough as possible before it is submitted for consideration by the BVA.



## MOPH Scholarship Helped My Son in Many Ways

SEVERAL YEARS AGO my son, Edward Michael O'Neil, was awarded a very generous scholarship from the Military Order of the Purple Heart. It was an amazing gift and tribute on behalf of his grandfather, Edward O'Neil, who was awarded the Purple Heart for the serious wounds he suffered during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. It was an overwhelming honor to receive the letter acknowledging my son's award on behalf of my dad's service to our country so many years ago. What an amazing way to recognize and preserve the memory of so many of the heroes who sacrificed so much for the generations to come.

We could never thank MOPH

enough for what this meant to our son, our family and my dad's legacy. Even though my dad didn't live long enough to see my son, Ed, born, MOPH's scholarship program enabled my son to live and pursue the kind of future and success that his grandfather fought so proudly to ensure for all of us. How proud U.S. Army Private Edward O'Neil would have been of the award his grandson received from you on his behalf to enable his namesake to attend Purdue University, become president of the Freshman Honor Society, chosen to be a member, travel the world with, and eventually become the man-

ager of the renowned Purdue Varsity Glee Club, and end up being chosen to be in the prestigious Mortar Board Senior Honor Society.

My son's future is bright and proud thanks to his grandfather and your support. Thank you Military Order of the Purple Heart for preserving the memories and legacies of those who sacrificed so much to secure a promising future for us all.

Forever grateful,

Michael D. O'Neil

*Edward Michael O'Neil was one of 80 scholarship awardees from June 2016.*

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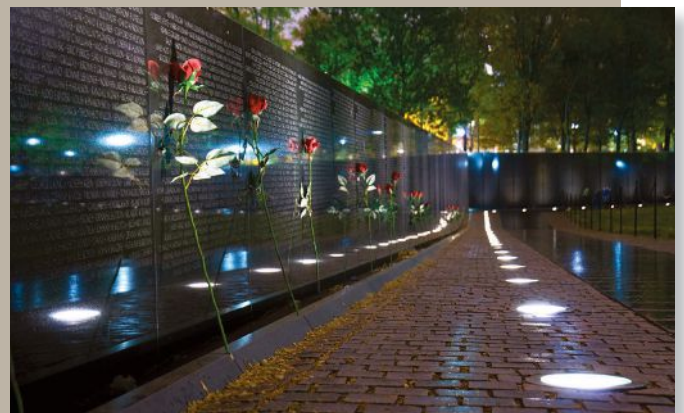
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### CORRECTION

*The Purple Heart Magazine printed an error on page 24 of the July/Aug 2018 issue. The article title was "Some Statistics From the Vietnam Memorial Wall".*

The correct statistic should have read:

**3,104 were 18 years old.**



DAVID L. CROCKETT

# MOPH Observes Veterans Day 2018



Wreath presentation at the Korean War Memorial (L to R): Gary Witt, National Sergeant-at-Arms; Aleks Morosky, National Legislative Director; Rick Cherone, National Junior Vice Commander



Wreath laying at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial L to R: Gary Witt & Rick Cherone.

ON VETERANS DAY, Nov. 11, 2018, the Military Order of the Purple Heart proudly honored the veterans of all generations, as National Commander Doug Greenlaw Jr., Vice Commander Rick Cherone, National Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Witt, National Legislative Director Aleks Morosky, National Service Director Arthur Coleman and National Publications Committee member Charles Eggleston attended a number of events in the Washington, D.C., area to commemorate Veterans Day.

National Commander Greenlaw, National Service Di-

rector Coleman and National Publications Committee member Eggleston were invited to the traditional Veterans Day breakfast for Veterans Service Organizations and others, hosted this year by VA Secretary Robert Wilkie.

In separate ceremonies throughout the day, Jr. Vice Commander Cherone, Legislative Director Morosky and National Sergeant-at-Arms Witt presented wreaths at the World War II and Korean War Memorials. Cherone and Witt also presented wreaths at the Vietnam War Memorial. ✧



VA Secretary Robert Wilkie with National Commander Greenlaw



Rich Cherone at the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial



VA Secretary Robert Wilkie with Charles Eggleston



# WHOLE HEALTH: INFORMATION FOR VETERANS

## AN INTRODUCTION TO FOOD AND DRINK FOR WHOLE HEALTH

### How can focusing on what I eat and drink support my Whole Health?

Making healthy choices about what you eat and drink is a powerful way to help care for yourself. Food and drink give our bodies the fuel used to work properly, stay healthy and fight disease. The right foods help you not only to live, but to live well. People often do not realize that their food choices affect the way they feel, both physically and emotionally. Choosing foods that nourish rather than harm your body may help prevent chronic conditions and the need for certain medications in the future. Food can also be used to help treat some health conditions.

### How much do the foods and drinks I consume really make a difference in my health?

Each person's body is different. Therefore, how particular foods and drinks will affect your short-term and long-term health is unique to you. However, in general, research tells us that your risk of developing a number of diseases can be affected by both what and how much you eat and drink. Eating certain foods may help improve conditions as well.

### There is so much information on healthy eating. Where do I begin?

All the news and advice available on food and drink can feel overwhelming. Also, new information is being learned all the time. To make this self-care task easier and more helpful, focus on how you can use facts about food and drink to help you reach your personal goals. You can start in the following ways:

- **Think about why you want to consume food and drink that is healthy for you.**

Why is that important? Changing any habit can be hard. It may involve changing long-standing beliefs and actions. Keeping your life goal in mind can sustain you as you take steps to change your eating habits to help improve your health. For example, you may find it easier to eat in new ways if you keep in mind that healthier eating may help you be well enough to attend your grandchild's graduation or wedding or to go on your dream vacation in the future.

- **Get help from your primary health care team.**

### How can I use food and drink to improve my health?

You can use food and drink to improve your health in many ways. The list below will give you some ideas on how your Whole Health can be improved through food and drink. Different people will have different needs and goals. Your primary health care team can suggest which foods to eat and which to eat less for each of the issues listed.

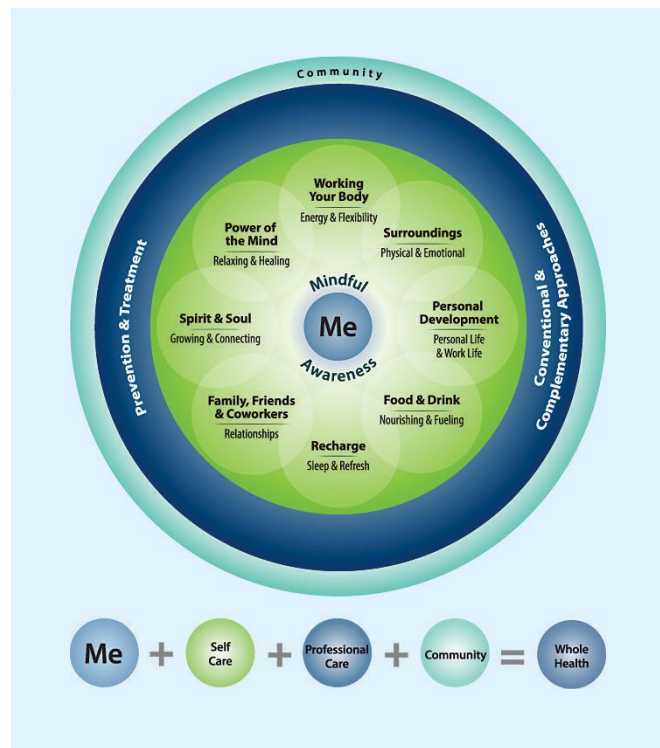
- **Reduce pain and inflammation.** Inflammation is one of the body's natural ways of protecting itself. It helps to fight off infections and to increase blood flow to places that need healing. Inflammation may use pain as a signal that something is wrong with the body. But, it is possible to have too much of a good thing. Inflammation can spread throughout the body or become chronic (i.e., long-lasting).
- **Manage weight.** Researchers estimate that 216,000 people died in the United States in 2005 because they weighed too much. This was 1 out of every 10 people who died for any reason. More and more

people are not at a healthy weight. Also important is that extra weight may lower the quality of your life. If you carry extra weight, you may not be able to do everything that you want to do.

- **Control blood sugar levels.** Almost 30 million people in the United States have diabetes, a chronic disease that can have serious complications. This is nearly 1 out of every 10 people. And the number of people with the disease is growing rapidly. Controlling blood sugar levels can help prevent or manage diabetes. There's another reason to control blood sugar levels. When you eat too much of a sugar called fructose, your stomach may not send a signal to your brain that you are full. It is then easy to overeat.

One way to control your blood sugar better is to pay attention to glycemic index and glycemic load. Glycemic index gives you an idea of how much sugar different foods release into your blood and how fast they do it. Glycemic load is a measure of how much of a carbohydrate is in a particular food. Eating based on glycemic index and glycemic load will help keep sugars stable. Fiber can also be a helpful way to slow the digestion of sugars in the body.

- **Increase gut health.** Our intestines contain over 100 trillion bacteria. Many of these bacteria help protect our health. For example, they aid in digestion and help prevent infections. They may help prevent colon cancer. They even can affect our emotions. Antibiotics, poor nutrition, inflammation and stress can kill these helpful bacteria. This changes the balance between helpful and harmful bacteria in the gut. When there are fewer helpful bacteria, their important tasks may not be done as well as before. Probiotic foods (such as yogurt and kefir) contain live microorganisms. You can eat these foods to improve the balance of bacteria in your intestines.
- **Reduce symptoms of disease.** Irritable bowel disease is an example of a disease in which symptoms can be improved through food. Most people with



this disease find that if they avoid food containing certain types of sugars, they have fewer symptoms. This works because they are limiting foods that are difficult to digest and can cause gas. If you have a different disease, ask your health care team if eating a certain way might reduce symptoms you may have.

- **Learn if your body has difficulty with a particular food.** This is called a food sensitivity or food intolerance. Some symptoms can be caused or made worse by eating certain foods. These include allergies, nasal congestion, asthma, irritable bowel, eating disorders and skin rash. You can use an elimination diet to quit eating a food or group of foods for a while, to see if your symptoms improve. If your symptoms improve, you can continue to avoid or eat less of this food.
- **Maintain or improve your mood and behavior.** The way we eat affects our mental health and behavior. A large study found that eating whole foods (fruits, vegetables, and fish) helped prevent depression. Eating a diet of processed meat, chocolates, sweet desserts, fried food, refined cereals and

high-fat dairy products increases risk for depression. Hypoglycemia (very low blood sugar) can increase irritability. Skipping meals, eating foods that raise your blood sugar and caffeine can cause irritability and anxiety.

- **Influence your sleep.** Foods with caffeine can make going to sleep a challenge. Some foods also cause acid reflux, which can lead to a rough night. People who are overweight can have more problems with their breathing at night. (Excess weight can lead to sleep apnea). New studies have shown that if you do not sleep enough or have poor sleep, you may eat food that is less healthy and have a harder time losing weight.

### What can I do next to become healthier using food and drink?

**Gather baseline information.** What are you eating and drinking on most days? Write down everything you eat and drink for a few days—a week or two can be particularly helpful. Be sure to include weekends if you eat or drink differently on those days. Doing this activity can help you become more aware of your eating habits. To learn even more, keep track of additional information such as 1) how you felt physically and emotionally each day, 2) how much sleep you got, 3) how active you were, and 4) how stressed you were.

**Review your food journal.** It can be very helpful to do this with a member of your primary health care team. When you review what you usually eat and drink, be sure to also note what you are already doing well. Identify an area you would like to work on.

**Learn some tips.** It is important to learn more about a food and drink topic that you would like to work on. What, in particular, interests you about using food and drink to increase your health? Again, your primary care health team and a dietitian can give you information that focuses on your specific needs and interests.

**Be thoughtful.** Think about why you are eating and drinking certain foods. Are you hungry, or are you eating because you are bored, grieving, stressed or tired? Do you eat in certain ways because you are eating alone? Do you usually eat with others? Is your eating influenced by the foods other people choose? Do you eat unconsciously when you are busy, watching television or working on the computer? To what extent do your culture and upbringing affect your food choices now? Your answers to these questions can help prepare you to set a food and drink goal and change the way you eat and drink.

**Set a food and drink goal.** Start with a small step—one that you can succeed at. For example, can you drink water or herbal tea instead of soda? When you reach your first goal, consider if you can make this change permanent. When you have accomplished your first goal, set another goal that is doable. If you are having trouble accomplishing a goal, you might want to try a different goal. You can always come back and try again later. As you are working on these small goals, think about your larger life goal. How will these smaller steps help you to reach your important life goal?

### What is a good way to set a goal?

Consider writing a SMART goal. SMART stands for

- Specific: what exactly will you do?
- Measurable: how much and how often will you do it?
- Action-oriented: what action will you take?
- Realistic: is this a goal you can achieve?
- Timed: when will you start and when will you end? \*

### ARTICLE RESOURCE:

[www.va.gov/PATIENTCENTEREDCARE/Veteran-Handouts/An\\_Introduction\\_to\\_Food\\_and\\_Drink\\_for\\_Whole\\_Health.asp](http://www.va.gov/PATIENTCENTEREDCARE/Veteran-Handouts/An_Introduction_to_Food_and_Drink_for_Whole_Health.asp)

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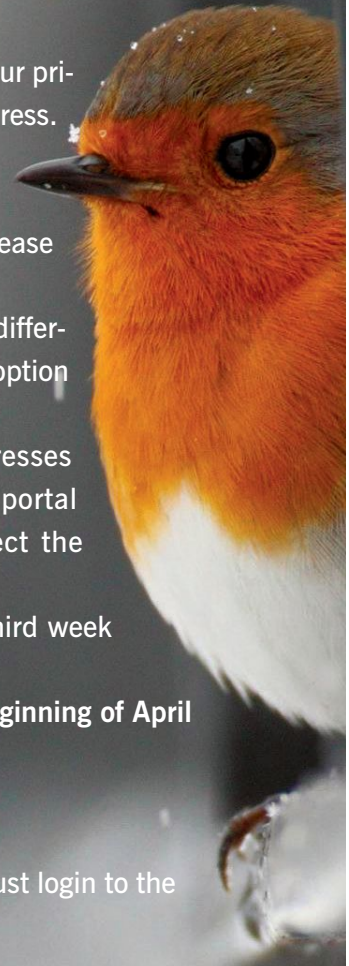
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# Presidents Day, With One to Remember

PRESIDENTS DAY IS AN AMERICAN HOLIDAY celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents Day 2019 occurs on Monday, February 18. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. Presidents Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

This past November the nation lost the 41st President of the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush (June 12, 1924 – November 30, 2018). Bush served as President from 1989 to 1993; he earlier served as the 43rd Vice President of the United States, from 1981 to 1989. He had also been a congressman, ambassador and Director of Central Intelligence.



Bush postponed plans to attend university, upon his high school graduation, after hearing of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Six months later, after graduation from Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., he enlisted in the Navy on his 18th birthday. After completing a 10-month course, he was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve on 9 June 1943, several days before his 19th birthday, making him one of the youngest naval aviators.

In September 1943, he was assigned to Torpedo Squadron 51 (VT-51) as the photographic officer. The following year, his squadron was

based on USS *San Jacinto* as a member of Air Group 51, where his lanky physique earned him the nickname "Skin." During this time, the task force was victorious at the Battle of the Philippine Sea, one of the largest air battles of World War II.

Bush was promoted to lieutenant (junior grade) on August 1, 1944, and *San Jacinto* commenced operations against the Japanese in the Bonin Islands. He piloted one of the four Grumman TBM Avengers of VT-51 that attacked the Japanese installations on Chichi Jima on September 2, 1944. His crew included Radioman Second Class John Delaney and

Lt.(jg) William White. His aircraft was hit by flak during the attack, but Bush successfully released bombs and scored several hits. With his engine ablaze, he flew several miles from the island, where he and one other crew member bailed out; the other man's parachute did not open. Bush waited for four hours in an inflated raft while several fighters circled protectively overhead, until he was rescued by the submarine USS *Finback*. He remained in *Finback* for the next month and participated in the rescue of other aviators. Several of those shot down during the attack were executed. This experience shaped Bush

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Bush in 1988 defeated Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis, becoming the first incumbent Vice President to be elected President in 152 years.
- Bush died at the age of 94 years, 171 days, making him the longest-lived president in U.S. history.
- At the time of his wife's death on April 17, 2018, George H. W. had been married to Barbara for 73 years; theirs was the longest presidential marriage in American history. They had become the longest-married presidential couple in 2000 when their marriage surpassed the 54-year (1764–1818) marriage of John and Abigail Adams.



profoundly, leading him to ask, “Why had I been spared and what did God have for me?”

In November 1944, Bush returned to *San Jacinto* and participated in operations in the Philippines until his squadron was replaced and sent home to the United States. Through 1944, he flew 58 combat missions for which he received the Distinguished Flying

Cross, three Air Medals and the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to *San Jacinto*. Because of his valuable combat experience, he was then reassigned to a training wing for torpedo bomber crews at Norfolk Navy Base, Virginia. His final assignment was to the new torpedo squadron VT-153 based at Naval Air Station Grosse Ile, Michigan. He was honorably discharged from the

Navy in September 1945, one month after the surrender of Japan.

May President George H.W. Bush rest in peace after a life full of accomplishments. Thank you for your service, Mr. President. ✧

RESOURCES FOR ARTICLE:  
history.navy.mil, webarchive.loc.gov, history.com

## Celebrate Presidents Day through the Americanism Program

THE PURPOSE OF THE AMERICANISM PROGRAM is to work with schools and other organizations to help promote U.S. history and the quest for freedom.

Why not use Presidents Day 2019 to help bring more insights and visibility to the presidency of our country, interesting facts about our presidents, how this position represents our country and much more?

Here are some fun and simple ways to engage and celebrate Presidents Day with our youth (or friends and family):

### DISCOVER WHAT PRESIDENTS DAY MEANS

This is an example article that gives some history behind this holiday. <http://bit.ly/FactsTrivia>

### TAKE A U.S. PRESIDENTS TRIVIA QUIZ

Here are a few quizzes that are sure to get a discussion going between the young and old:

<http://bit.ly/FactMonsterQuiz>

<http://bit.ly/ProProfsQuiz>

<http://bit.ly/WorldHistoryQuiz>

### WRITE A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

This is a great activity for older children to get them thinking on a deeper level about the United States as a nation. Talk to them about something they would like to see changed or something they appreciate about our country. Help them write a respectful letter to the President of the United States expressing these views.

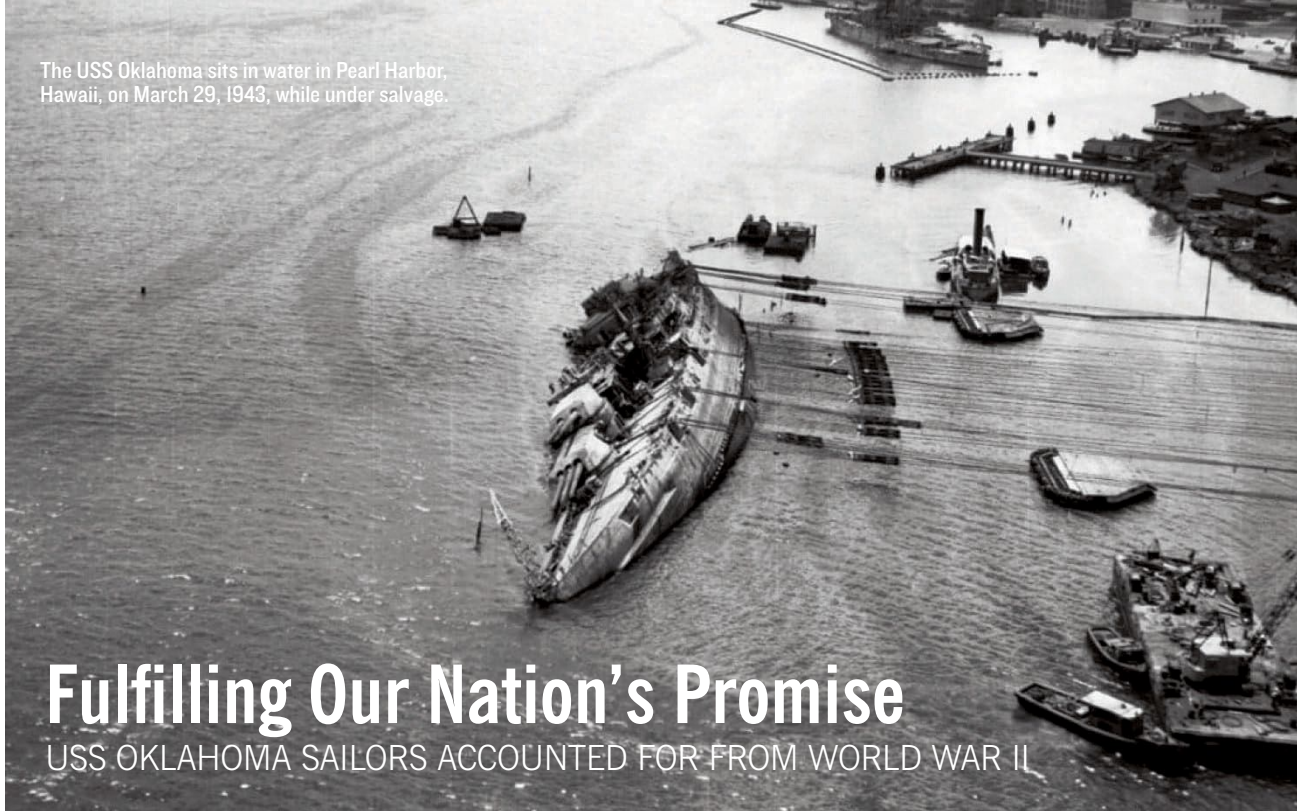
### DISCUSS PLACES AROUND OUR COUNTRY

Many different locations around our country have been directly influenced by Presidents. What are some of these locations near you? Discuss national parks, museums, monuments, public land and more!

### HANDS-ON PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

Learn more about the President's roles, his children, see letters written to the President, or learn more about the Presidential Seal through these digital activities provided by the National Museum of American History. <http://bit.ly/NMAHactivities>

The USS *Oklahoma* sits in water in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on March 29, 1943, while under salvage.



U.S. NAVY

## Fulfilling Our Nation's Promise

USS OKLAHOMA SAILORS ACCOUNTED FOR FROM WORLD WAR II

**O**F THE 16 MILLION AMERICANS WHO SERVED in World War II, more than 400,000 died during the war. Currently there are 72,771 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the USS *Oklahoma*, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS *Oklahoma* sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen.

From December 1941 to June 1944, Navy personnel recovered the remains of the deceased crew, which were subsequently interred in the Halawa and Nu'uauu Cemeteries.

In September 1947, tasked with recovering and identifying fallen U.S. personnel in the Pacific Theater, members of the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) disinterred the remains of U.S. casualties from the two cemeteries and transferred them to the Central Identification Laboratory at Schofield Barracks. The laboratory staff was only able to confirm the identifications of 35 men from the USS *Oklahoma* at that time. The AGRS subsequently buried the unidentified remains in 46 plots at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP), also known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu. In October 1949, a military board classified those who could not be identified as non-recoverable.

In April 2015, the Deputy Secretary of Defense issued a policy memorandum directing the disinterment of unknowns associated with the USS *Oklahoma*. On June 15, 2015, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's (DPAA) personnel began exhuming the remains from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP) for analysis.

The vision of the DPAA is to fulfill our nation's obligation by maximizing the number of missing personnel accounted for while ensuring timely, accurate information is provided to their families.

To identify the remains, scientists from DPAA and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System use mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis, dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial and material evidence.

The DPAA is grateful to the Department of Veterans Affairs for their partnership in this mission.

The DPAA recently announced the following sailors that were killed during the attack on the USS *Oklahoma* in World War II have been accounted for:



Navy Fireman 3rd Class Kenneth L. Jayne, 26, of Patchogue, New York, was accounted for on March 22, 2016.



Navy Ensign William M. Finnegan, 44, of Bessemer, Michigan, was accounted for on April 18, 2016.



Navy Machinist's Mate 1st Class Fred M. Jones, 31, of Otter Lake, Michigan, was accounted for on Dec. 5, 2016.



Navy Seaman 1st Class Camillus M. O'Grady, 19, of Greenleaf, Kansas, was accounted for on Dec. 5, 2016.



Navy Signalman 3rd Class Charles E. Nix, 26, of Danville, Illinois, was accounted for on Sept. 25, 2017

The names of these sailors are recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to their names to indicate they have been accounted for.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at [www.dpaa.mil](http://www.dpaa.mil), find them on social media at [www.facebook.com/dodpaa](http://www.facebook.com/dodpaa) or call (703) 699-1420/1169. \*

#### WILL THE DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY'S WORK EVER BE FINISHED?

The DPAA mission will be achieved case by case, individual by individual, and family by family. The mission is not about numbers, it is about the fullest possible accounting of all Americans who are still missing from past conflicts dating back to World War II. The DPAA will stay the course with this mission until the job is done.



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# WALKING ACROSS AMERICA FOR PURPLE HEARTS

by C. Lynn



Matt Andersen (L) Trevor Stephens (R)

ON MARCH 1, 2018, TWO FRIENDS, Matt Andersen and Trevor Stephens, began their journey, a “Walk Across America” that would take a little over six months and raise awareness and money for a charity of their choosing. The Purple Heart Foundation learned about what they were doing and that they would be walking for the Purple Heart Foundation in May 2018, three months after they started walking. The Foundation reached out to Matt and Trevor, not only to thank them for their support, but also to gain insight as to why the two chose the Purple Heart Foundation and to ask how their experience walking across the country had been.

According to Matt and Trevor, they “always had a plan to do a road trip after Matt graduated from college (Iowa State University) and [Trevor] EAS’d (End of Active Service) out of the Marines.” As they began seriously considering their cross-country road trip, Trevor brought up the idea of walking across the country rather than driving but “it didn’t become official that [they] were going to do it

until around July 2017. That’s when [they] started to do a lot of research.”

Their research revolved around not only how to best complete the journey at hand, but also understanding why other people had decided to attempt it in the first place. They found that other people were doing it for various charities and so Matt and Trevor decided that they should too. They explained, “We wanted to see the country

and meet its people while also raising money and awareness of a good cause.”

The research continued, now to find a worthy cause that both Matt and Trevor could agree upon. After researching dozens of charities and talking to many people, Trevor’s Staff Sergeant recommended the Purple Heart Service Foundation. “After looking into it [they] decided it was something [they] both could proudly support.” They both had many family members and friends in the military so a charity that raises money for and provides services to veterans was a worthy cause to them. For Trevor it hit a little closer to home though, being in the Marine Corps for four years as an infantry mortarman with the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines and the recommendation having come from his own Staff Sergeant. It was finally decided that on March 1, 2018, Matt and Trevor would start their Walk Across America to raise awareness about the struggles veterans face, along with the goal of raising \$5,000 to be donated to the Purple Heart Foundation.

Matt and Trevor walked for 192 days through Delaware, Maryland, D.C., Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California. Generally, their days consisted of walking an average distance of 25 miles per day and in their down time, getting to know the people of the towns they visited and explaining their mission to everyone they met. Matt told us. “The most fun thing for me was meeting the people and seeing the country,” and Trevor agreed,

saying, "I think the most fun thing for me has been seeing parts of the country I've never seen before. Colorado was probably the most beautiful place for me; the mountains were amazing, and we met a lot of really great people there."

Matt and Trevor were humbled by the generosity of the people they met along their journey, people of such diverse backgrounds, all willing to help by offering food, water, shelter and even money in some cases. Reflecting on the people they had met, Trevor told us, "I've learned that the American people are truly kind and will go out of their way to help a stranger."

"They are very generous," Matt added.

In between all the fun of walking and getting to meet new people and places, Matt and Trevor were faced with obstacles. When you're walking across the country doing about 25 miles a day, the most obvious obstacle they faced was their feet. Every couple of days Matt and Trevor would have to take what they called a "Zero Day," where they paused their journey and rested their feet in preparation for the coming days, making their total distance walked zero that day. Sometimes their zero days were even planned so they could attend local events or visit family and friends. They found the weather to be an obstacle as well. They hiked through



"Every step we take during our trek across the United States is in honor of those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom and those who have/continue to protect it." Trevor Stephens



Trevor and Matt join Dimitri Olympidis along their journey across America.

the snow in March, encountered nor'easter storms in the spring and experienced the scorching sun in the hills of Colorado during the middle of summer.

Another obstacle they faced involved potential jobs. "Matt recently graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in chemical engineering and turned down a few career opportunities to take part in this six- to seven-month journey. Trevor was planning to start school in August to become a history teacher, but since the trip took a little longer than expected [he] won't start until the spring." But through all these obstacles they have persevered and are close to the finish line of their journey. We asked Matt and Trevor what they learned from their sacrifices, obstacles and achievements they've experienced on this journey and this is what they had to say:

**Matt:** "I learned that I'm mentally tougher than I ever thought."

**Trevor:** "I've gained the determination to accomplish any goal I set my mind to. After dealing with the ad-

versity we have on this trip, it really makes you understand that if you want it bad enough, you can accomplish anything."

When setting out to accomplish something like this you want to plan it out correctly to make sure your goal is achievable. "The success of this fundraiser is measured in multiple ways. In no particular order, it would be measured by [their] completion of walking all the way across the country, reaching [their] goal of raising \$5,000 for the charity, and just getting the word out there about the charity and what it does to help veterans."

Based on Matt and Trevor's daily documentation of their journey on their Facebook page, Matt & Trevor Walk Across America ([facebook.com/mattandtrevor/](https://www.facebook.com/mattandtrevor/)), you can track their entire journey. They've been interviewed by local radio stations and journalists in the towns they've stopped in, spreading the word about the Purple Heart Foundation's mission farther than they could have imagined.

Through the help of their GoFundMe page, the grand total donated to the Purple Heart Foundation was \$8,284.

Purple Heart recipients and Purple Heart Foundation members met Matt and Trevor to thank them for their efforts and support. The Purple Heart Foundation is so impressed with this dynamic duo for all that they have done for the Foundation. ✧

## Forging Our Way Ahead

By Will Thompson  
Chapter 1612 Cmdr. and Dept. of Ohio PDC

WITH OVER A MILLION AND A HALF viewers you can be sure that quite a few of those viewers of the History Channel's *Forged in Fire* are veterans, and of those some may even be blacksmiths and bladesmiths themselves. *Forged in Fire* has already had quite a few military veteran contestants and itself has two veterans on the show, one as a judge and the other as the host.



L to R: Robert Goeway (Raffle Winner), Ben Abbott (Show Judge), David Bates (Our Bladesmith), David Baker (Show Judge), Will Thompson (Chapter Cmd and Dept. Of Ohio PDC), and Doug Marcaida (Show Judge)

Chapter 1612 from Lima, Ohio, was invited and recently visited the set of the program and spent the day with the cast and crew as they filmed the final segment of a show for next season.



The humble beginnings of where we are working to place the forge. The previous owner left it in quite a mess and disrepair.

No, we are sworn to secrecy (and we signed some legal paperwork too) and can't tell you who won, but we can tell you the show loves its veteran viewers. The entire cast, crew and producers all took time to introduce themselves and throughout the day of filming were beyond hospitable.

So, you ask, why was Chapter 1612 from Region II visiting the set of such a great show? Well, fellow veteran David Bates and I have started some programs on my homestead. The programs are multifaceted and will be open up

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to all veterans, first responders and their families. We are in the beginning phases but it has been fast-moving since my wife and I bought the property in June 2018. We will be teaching small farm, homesteading, apiary, woodworking, leatherworking, other creative arts and of course forging. The goal of these programs is to introduce the therapeutic nature that comes along with each practice as well as the camaraderie of being involved in a class with other veterans.



Our propane forge.

Earlier in the year our chapter and another local non-profit held a raffle to raise money for our programs. David Bates made some calls and was connected with the show. We received a David Baker sword and set visit as top prizes for our raffle. We have since been able to get steel to make our coal forge, get some tools and an anvil. David Bates has given some intro classes to a couple of veterans and donors but we are still working to bring everything together and to also get the barn class ready. We are very excited as we are getting this started and look forward to comments, questions, concerns and support from our fellow Patriots. For more information please look for us on Facebook and the Forge website. [www.facebook.com/LimaMOPH](https://www.facebook.com/LimaMOPH) and [warriorswayforge.com](http://warriorswayforge.com).



The logo for Warriors Way Forge, a Chapter 1612 MOPH program



ON NOV. 4, COMMANDER Doug Greenlaw represented the MOPH at the Carolina Panthers' Salute to Service game versus the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Commander helped kick-off the game by banging the drum for the Panthers.

## Unique, But Needed, Donation

PATRIOTS FROM CHAPTER 252, Dept. of Illinois, donated a microwave to Hines VA Hospital. The unit's previous microwave had been out of service for two months. One of the Patriots from Chapter 252 was at a meeting and heard that they needed the new microwave, so Chapter 252 voted to supply one for the ward.



Chapter Commander John Domina, Finance Officer Bill Minnich, Adjutant Bill Becker and hospital staff



ROCHESTER, MINN., CHAPTER 7110 donates to Toys for Tots. Pictured are Chapter Adjutant Harry Kerr, Department of Minnesota Chaplain Kay Swenson and associate member Cindy Kerr.



CHAPTER 392, San Gabriel Valley, conducted its annual Veterans Day fundraiser at Bass Pro Shop in Rancho Cucamonga. It was a very successful weekend thanks to Bass Pro Shop manager Bob Minor, who welcomed us and provided tables, chairs and canopies. Pictured (L to R) are Patriots Santiago Rios, Frank Aragon, Tony Hernandez, Joe Gallardo, Commander Daniel Calderon and Mike Preston.

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## The Department of Montana Philanthropic Events

BELOW ARE SOME philanthropic events in the Department of Montana's successful non-profit fundraising initiatives.



Cystic Fibrosis Foundation: Great Strides – June 2018



Foundation for Community Health: Safe Kids – September 2018



Grateful Nation Montana – July 2018



Missoula Marathon – July 2018

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National MS Society: Missoula Walk MS – May 2018

## Purple Heart Ceremony for Sgt. Perry Lloyd



Sgt Perry Lloyd

A SPECIAL AWARD CEREMONY for Sumter World War I veteran Sgt. Perry Lloyd was conducted at Fort Jackson on October 13. Sgt. Lloyd was wounded during the Meuse Argonne Offensive in France and never received recognition or acknowledgement until his grandson uncovered records showing that his commander had recommended him for a Wounded Chevron. To correct this error, Sgt. Lloyd was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart by the Ft. Jackson Commanding General.



(L to R) Teresa James Brady, granddaughter; Perry W. James, grandson; Elease James, daughter; and Patriot Jamie Carl O'Neal of the Sumter, S.C., Chapter 817.



## Veterans Day Events 2018



MEMBERS OF SUMTER'S George L. Mabry Jr. Chapter 817 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart participated in the Sumter County, S.C., Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony on November 12. Pictured above aboard the chapter float in the rear row (L to R) are Patriots Glenn Braden and Johnny Williams. In the front row (L to R) are Commander Harry Thompson, Patriots Donald Williams, Jessie Burgess, Don Kellum, Ronald Harvin, and Adjutant Leroy Thompson. Seated on the far right is Patriot Jamie O'Neal, the chapter float developer and maintainer.



A NEWLY WRAPPED BUS in Columbia, S.C., was driven around town on Veterans Day, highlighting Purple Heart recipients. Members of Chapter 402 join Congressman Joe Wilson and bus driver Andrew Anderson.



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VETERANS DAY, November 11th, Purple Heart recipients from Chapter 27 were honored at Somerville, N.J.



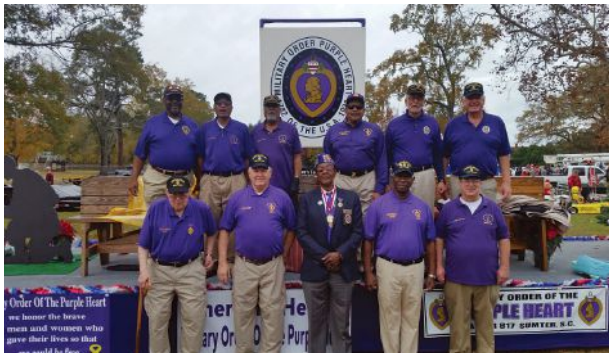
CHAPTER 305 HONORED member Charles Wesley Upton, past Commander of Oregon, in the 2018 Albany Veterans' Parade.



Charles' grandchildren: Rian, Dylan, Evan and Sawyer



OUR CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS to serve the Thanksgiving meal at the Montrose VA PTSD unit on Ward 15CD was so overwhelming, with several civic and religious groups coming together to make this Thanksgiving truly a blessed event. We pay tribute to Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant, Peeskill Elks, Knights of Pythias and finally Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 21, the event sponsor.



THE GENERAL George L. Mabry Jr. Chapter 817 participated in the Sumter, S.C., Christmas parade on December 2. Patriot Jamie Carl O'Neal deployed the chapter float to the parade marshalling area and chapter members boarded it as one of about 150 participating community organizations. Pictured above in the rear row (L to R) are Adjutant Leroy Thompson, Patriots Joel Jefferson and Donald Williams, Commander Harry Thompson and Patriots Ron Harvin and Dave Nesbitt. In the front row (L to R) are Patriots Don Kellum, Jamie Carl O'Neal, Johnny Williams, Jessie Burgess and Glenn Braden.

## Chapter 21's Quilt Angels

MOPH CHAPTER 21 Commander Dale Novak had the honor and pleasure of meeting Arline and Barbara, the gracious and generous volunteers who make lap quilts for the patients at the PTSD unit at the Montrose VA, NY. They surprised Novak this year with his own very special quilt.



Then, on Dec. 3, Chapter 21 arranged for their Quilt ladies, Barbara and Arline to present 21 lap quilts to the guys on the PTSD unit. The guys were so appreciative and grateful. The quilts were beautiful, colorful and made with love. It was a truly blessed day. Thank you to the quilt angels—Chapter 21 doesn't know what they would do without you.



(L to R):Lynn Witt, Barbara and Arline, MOPH Chapter 21 Commander Dale Novak.

# REUNIONS

**7TH SQUADRON 17TH AIR CAVALRY  
RUTHLESS RIDERS – PALEHORSE  
ARMY, VIETNAM & AFGHANISTAN**  
Aug 21 – 25th, 2019  
Fort Bragg, N.C. [will stay on the base]  
Special Honor - Purple Heart recipients  
during the banquet  
Contact: Joe Wirth (201) 390-5350 or  
email: joseph.wirth@yahoo.com  
Website: www.ruthlessriders.co

## **2019 OCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION**

April 28 – May 1, 2019  
Columbus / Fort Benning, GA.  
Online registration:  
www.ocsalumni.org  
For more information, contact Nancy Ionoff,  
Reunion Coordinator, at (813) 917-4309

ON PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY, MOPH honored the sacrifices of World War II veterans at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. In a ceremony, wreaths were placed at the Freedom Wall to mark the 2,403 killed on December 7, 1941, and more than 400,000 lives lost during World War II.



National Service Director Arthur Coleman, National Legislative Director Aleks Morosky, National Adjutant Ernesto Hernandez and National Advocacy Officer Kristin Beck joined veterans from WWII and Vietnam for a picture.

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## Purple Heart Regulation

### CAPS

#### Official Vendor's Supply List

*Cap prices include the cap patch and the lettering "Military Order of the Purple Heart" and "U.S.A." On the left side, and Chapter number on the front right, if requested.*

#### **NATIONAL CAP**

*Men's and Ladies' Style*  
All white with purple piping &  
letters: **\$24.75 each**

#### **DEPARTMENT CAP**

*Men's and Ladies' Style*  
Purple with white top, gold piping  
& white letters: **\$24.75 each**

#### **CHAPTER CAP**

*Men's and Ladies' Style*  
All purple with white piping &  
letters: **\$24.75**

#### **PURPLE HEART BERET \$20.00**

*(Lettering not available)*

#### **Life Member Annotation**

Includes direct embroidery  
"Life Member" around flap curve on  
front right side: **\$6.00**

#### **Associate Member**

**Annotation: \$9.50**  
*(in addition to cap price).*

Additional letters:

**\$0.60 each**

**Remove/replace letters:**

**\$1.50 per letter**

**Plastic zippered cap bag:**

**\$4.00 each**

**Winter baseball caps:**

**\$15.00 each**

**Dress Tie: \$15.00 each\***

Purple tie – 100% polyester with  
white-bordered MOPH patch  
(specify standard tie or clip-on)

\*ONE SIZE FITS ALL

Allow approximately four (4)  
weeks for delivery.

**For shipping & handling,  
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With your order, include the  
following when ordering:

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**Your Chap. # Cap Size**

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# Application for Life Membership

## Military Order of the Purple Heart



**Purple Heart Recipient** Eligibility: Any person of good moral character who is serving in or has served in one of the Armed Forces of the United States, or any foreign country, who can show proof of the award of the Purple Heart for wounds.

Evidence of the award of the Purple Heart must be submitted with the application. Certificate alone does not constitute proof of award. If discharged, discharge document such as a DD-214 must be provided reflecting character of service as honorable or general. For active duty, provide PCS orders, Purple Heart Orders and Purple Heart Certificate. There is no posthumous membership. All applications are subject to verification with the National Personnel Records Center and/or Service.

**Associate Member** For a parent, spouse, sibling, lineal or adopted descendant (child, grandchild or great-grandchild) of either a living or deceased Purple Heart recipient, evidence of the award of the Purple Heart and the relationship must be submitted with the application. If the Purple Heart recipient is living, the recipient must be a member in-good-standing of the MOPH and he/she must sign to acknowledge the relationship and consent for membership.

### Dues Schedule

Life Membership – \$50.00

Associate Life Membership – \$50.00

**Fees submitted with Application for Membership are NON-REFUNDABLE.**

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Member# \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter# \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work/Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Recruited by (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one  Life Member  Associate Life Member

Credit Card  VISA  Mastercard  Discover  American Express  CVV #(required) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(required even if not paying by credit card) *Typing my name will constitute as my signature*

All applicants must complete form below and send with payment to: MOPH National Headquarters  
5413-B Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22151 www.purpleheart.org membership@purpleheart.org 888.668.1656

See above for Dues schedule.

MOPH use only

**Purple Heart Recipient** MOPH Bylaws require that a copy of the document that supports the award of the Purple Heart medal must accompany each application. A copy of documentation submitted will be retained on file for future reference. Evidence of the award of the Purple Heart must be submitted with the application. Certificate alone does not constitute proof of award. If discharged, discharge document such as a DD-214 must be provided reflecting character of service as honorable or general. For active duty, provide PCS orders, Purple Heart Orders and Purple Heart Certificate. There is no posthumous membership. All applications are subject to verification with the National Personnel Records Center and/or Service.

DD-214  DD-215 (supported by DD-214)  Orders plus PH Certificate  WD AGO 53-55

**Service**  Army  Navy  Air Force  Marines  Coast Guard

**War Wounded**  WW2  Korea  Vietnam  OEF  OIF  OND  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date entered service \_\_\_\_\_ Date Departed Service/Discharged \_\_\_\_\_

Date wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Engagement \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioning source: \_\_\_\_\_

**Associate Member** Documentation of relationship and proof of Purple Heart award required.

Have you been convicted of a Felony?  Yes  No

Name of Purple Heart Recipient \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter# \_\_\_\_\_

Member# & Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
*I acknowledge the relationship and consent for associate membership (if applicable)*

**Purple Heart documentation**  DD-214  DD-215  Orders plus PH Certificate  WD AGO 53-55

**Relationship of Applicant to PH Recipient**  Parent  Spouse  Sibling  Child  Grandchild  Great-Grandchild

**Relationship documents**  Birth Certificate  Adoption Papers  Marriage Certificate  Casualty Report

The National Adjutant will make the final determination on eligibility. Altered documents constitute automatic denial of membership. Payment for dues is not deductible as a charitable contribution according to the Internal Revenue Code. Dues include subscription to the Purple Heart Magazine.

All information and requirements are subject to change without notice.

(Effective 10/4/18)

# Price List

## HEADQUARTERS SUPPLY LIST

Effective January, 2016 • Prices Include Shipping & Handling  
All Orders Must Be Pre-Paid – VA Residents Add 5% Sales Tax  
NOTE: Check Return Fee of \$45 per Returned Check  
Orders can be placed online through your Netforum Membership Portal  
**Questions: [supply@purpleheart.org](mailto:supply@purpleheart.org)**

### Flags Accessories

Item #S3015	Rain Cover	\$30.00
Item #S3016	Flag Cord & Tassel	\$25.00
Item #S3017	Flag Belt – Black	\$25.00
Item #S3018	Jointed Aluminum Pole	\$40.00
Item #S3019	Flag Base	\$40.00
Item #S3020	Gilt Eagle	\$27.00
Item #S3021	Gold Spear	\$27.00
Item #S3030	Flag Desk Set	\$27.00
Item #S3031	Wooden Flag Pole	\$40.00

### Citations

Please Plan Ahead Processing Can Take 3 – 4 Weeks

Item #S3040	Blank Citation – Single	Foil Stamp 8 1/2 x 11 blank – for personal printing of citation at chapter or department level	\$11.00
Item #S3041	Blank Citation – Quanties of 6 - 23	Foil Stamp 8 1/2 x 11 blank – for personal printing of citation at chapter or department level	\$10.00
Item #S3042	Blank Citation – Quanties of 24 and above	Foil Stamp 8 1/2 x 11 blank – for personal printing of citation at chapter or department level	\$9.00
Item #S3043	Service to the Community	Service to the Community, Fellow Citizens & Veterans.	\$12.00
Item #S3044	Patriot of the Year	Patriot of the Year	\$12.00
Item #S3045	Past Chapter or Department Commander	Past Chapter or Department Commander	\$12.00
Item #S3046	Service to The Military Order of the Purple Heart	Service to The Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$12.00

### Replacement Life Member Items

Item #S3050	Replacement Life Member Card	\$10.00
Item #S3051	Replacement Life Member Certificate	\$11.00
Item #S3052	Replacement Life Member Certificate Package (Certificate & Card)	\$20.00

### Constitution & Bylaws

Item #S3060	Constitution, Bylaws & Rituals with Binder	\$20.00
Item #S3061	Constitution, Bylaws & Rituals without Binder	\$15.00

### Stationery

Item #S3071	Business Cards	\$65.00
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# Application for Membership

## Auxiliary Military Order of the Purple Heart



Parents, grandparents, spouses, widows, widowers, siblings, children, and grandchildren of persons who have been awarded the Purple Heart by the Armed Services of the United States and to those who served in the Armed Forces and have received the Purple Heart decoration in their own name.

Such membership is subject to conditions set forth in Article 1 of the bylaws of the MOPHA. Life and Associate Memberships are available. Contact the National Secretary.

Membership of the Patriot must be verified through certified evidence of the Purple Heart Award. Dues include subscription to the Purple Heart Magazine.

### Dues Schedule

Life Membership – \$50.00

Associate Life Membership – \$50.00

### Fees submitted with Application for Membership are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Payment for dues is not deductible as a charitable contribution according to the Internal Revenue Code

### PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of (Medal Holder's Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
who was awarded the Purple Heart Medal by the U.S. Government.  
He/she  (is)  (is not) an Active Member of MOPH Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership must be certified\* by CHAP. ADJ or Copy of Award must accompany this application.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

\* Certified by \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and mail to: Tara Waugh, 190 E. Olmstead Dr. C-12, Titusville, FL 32780  
Email: tara@purpleheartmi.com

Check one:  
 Life  
 Associate

\*Must be signed by the Chapter or Department Adjutant to certify that the Patriot listed above is/was eligible for membership in the MOPH.

### FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY—DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES.

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Type Member \_\_\_\_\_

Certification by \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Member # \_\_\_\_\_



# MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AUXILIARY SUPPLY LIST 2018-2019

## CURRENT ITEMS AVAILABLE

101	MOPHA LOGO PIN 1 or 2 pins \$6.00 each, 3 or more pins \$5.00 each per order	
102	LIFE MEMBER PIN	\$12.00
103	UNIT PRESIDENT PIN	\$10.00
104	PAST UNIT PRESIDENT PIN	\$12.00
105	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT PIN	\$10.00
106	PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT PIN	\$12.00
201	PATCH – MOPHA LOGO, embroidered 3 x 2 1/2 inch	\$ 6.00
204	PATCH – Life Member, embroidered ¾ x 3 inch	\$ 3.00
205	PATCH – Associate Member, embroidered ¾ x 3 inch	\$ 3.00
401	FLAG SET – American and MOPHA 4" x 6" on 10" pole w/stand 3 piece set \$15.00 ....MOPHA FLAG only \$8.00	
402	CHARTER – Department or Unit, includes 10 names (add \$1.00 per additional name)	\$50.00
403	CBL – Constitution, Bylaws, Rules & Regulations, Rituals, and Standing Rules – Specify Large or Small	\$13.00
405	DIRECTORY 2017–18	\$ 5.00
406	CONVENTION MINUTES on Disc	\$ 5.00
407	MEMBERSHIP CARD REPLACEMENT (Contact Membership Officer)	\$ 5.00
409	BOOKMARKS package of 25 (prewrapped)	\$ 5.00

ALL prices include shipping charges. No tax.

ALL other items are in the works and will be released when available.

**Make check or money order payable to: MOPHA**

**Orders should be sent to:**

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## Looking Forward to 2019

**R**ELECTING ON THE LAST FOUR MONTHS, I am both deeply humbled and extremely inspired. Representing all of you, I participated in the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. It was a solemn experience that brought tears to my eyes. I also met with leaders advocating for our veterans and our caregivers on Capitol Hill. I am so proud to represent our beloved organization.

Recently, an opportunity arose to participate in the third annual VA Convening, a meeting of many of the Veteran Service Organizations regarding VA policies. Veteran Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie spoke about the importance of inclusive care at the VA and including caregivers in the treatment of our military combat-wounded. During the event, the Veterans Administration, the Elizabeth Dole Foundation and Philips Corporation unveiled the *Military Caregiver Journey Map*. The map, which took two years to complete, was based upon research as well as input from medical service providers, social workers, doctors, therapists and caregivers. This month's "Resource of the Month" is the link to the Caregiver Journey Map. Take a look—the digital map is interactive and will benefit any caregiver or family member looking to find their place on the journey.

As we start the new year, please remember to take care of yourself! Self-care is so important to your mental health. Sometimes we are so busy taking care of others, including spouse, children, grandchildren and parents, that we forget to take care of ourselves. The analogy of putting your own oxygen mask on first and then putting it on the passenger sitting next to you is most appropriate. We can't take care of others if we do not take care of ourselves.

### What You Can Do

Our organization's population is so diverse... it spans generations. Our members have extensive life experiences and talents and are in different stages of their lives. We have young parents, grandparents, many in the sandwich

generation, as well as caregivers to our combat-wounded veterans. Our challenge as an organization is to embrace and meet the needs of our current members while expanding and welcoming new members.

As National SVP Perez states in her article this month, now is the time to identify, mentor and encourage members to become more involved in the MOPHA. Don't hesitate to ask members to consider serving as an officer, to join a committee or to volunteer to do just one thing for the Auxiliary. Everyone has something special to offer!

Why not consider adopting the Senior Heroes Project in your community in 2019? This Americanism project encourages members to reach out to our older and isolated veterans wherever they reside via a visit, a conversation and a reminder that we will never forget their service. Funds are available from the MOPHA Helping our Veterans Program (HOV). If your unit and department have not already participated in the HOV program this year, please do so now. This project-based program helps veterans and their families in your community!

And finally, planning is well underway for the 86th MOPHA National Convention to be held in Branson, Missouri, on July 8-12, 2019. This important event will include workshops, breakout sessions and training along with the national business of the Auxiliary. A Welcome Luncheon is planned for all registrants! This will be a great way to kick off the convention, welcome first-time attendees and greet old friends. Come! Registration will open soon. \*





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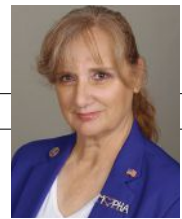
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**RESOURCE OF THE MONTH:** The Elizabeth Dole Foundation, Philips Corporation and the Department of Veterans Affairs have partnered to document the military caregiver journey and convey the impact it has on their physical, psychological, financial and social well-being, by mapping out key points where the right people, organizations and service providers can step in and support family caregivers as they adapt to new roles and challenges. Military and veteran caregivers provide an invaluable service to this country, ensuring that our veterans and service members receive support and care when they need it, for as long as they need it. The Military Caregiver Journey Map will help caregivers navigate and plan for the journey in front of them as well as define the different stages and landmark events. In addition, it will describe the role of a family caregiver, normalize their experiences and help to reduce the sense of isolation that too many caregivers feel. To find your place on the journey, visit [caregiverjourney.elizabethdolefoundation.org/becoming-aware-adjusting](http://caregiverjourney.elizabethdolefoundation.org/becoming-aware-adjusting)



## Thinking (and Planning) Ahead

**H**APPY NEW YEAR! As much as I don't like thinking about how fast time passes, the New Year brings some calm and getting back to normal schedules. For MOPHA units and departments that includes:

**Annual Inspection Reports:** Inspection Reports must be completed by the department president (or region president where no department) during their elected year and submitted to the National Inspector (National SVP) no later than March 1. The Inspection Report has been updated and the revised form can be found on the MOPHA website.

**George Washington's Birthday:** Washington's Birthday is the perfect opportunity to do local public relations. Offer to speak at other organizations' February meetings or hand out MOPH patriotic literature at schools. A press release to your local media about Washington being the founder of the Purple Heart can generate traffic to your website, Facebook page or lead to future contacts from the media. Our publicity chair is always available to help with PR.

It's not too early to start thinking about unit and department elections. Some of our units tend to keep the same officers year after year, but for the Auxiliary to grow and stay fresh, we need to mentor members to take on new positions and responsibilities. Your national leadership team is com-

mitted to providing information and support to units and officers to help make taking on leadership roles easier.

A revised membership application is available on the MOPHA website which combines the Life and Associate membership applications on one form. Being familiar with eligibility requirements for both Life and Associate memberships and asking people if they have a Purple Heart recipient in their family can help your membership recruitment efforts.

Congratulations to Arden Manlutac for first place in San Diego Unit 49's ninth annual Veterans Day essay contest on "Why It's Important to Thank Veterans" for fifth graders in the Chula Vista Elementary School District. His essay is below. ✧

### Why It's Important to Thank Veterans

G.K. CHESTERSON ONCE SAID, "The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what's behind him." The rights, freedoms and all the flag represents are kept safe because of the determination of our United States military to protect our Constitution.

Across America, we celebrate Veterans Day, but some may not know why. Some may say we celebrate Veterans Day to thank veterans for their service, but what does that even mean? Daily, veterans risked their lives to ensure our freedom and the safety of our rights. Veterans also sacrificed their own rights to protect the rights of others and they sacrificed time with their family. Furthermore, they leave their home and their families knowing that there is a chance they could die in combat.

These brave Americans who represent our country have served valiantly. Some have lost their lives, others return home injured while protecting our country and all it stands for. We are grateful, and we thank you for your service to the land of the free and the home of the brave! —Arden Manlutac

## Effective Unification Through the Unit

**A**S THE NEW YEAR BEGINS, many tend to think of new beginnings and believe that it is a time for resolutions. While looking at the calendar, I sat and pondered the two holidays that we as a country celebrate. In January, the first holiday observed is in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. King was a man who fought for civil rights for each and every individual and all of his fights were fought in a nonviolent way. King was always striving for unity and peace among the races. He was against war of any kind and refused to fight even when personally attacked.

In February we celebrate Presidents Day. Although it is one day observed, the celebration recognizes two of the past presidents of this country. The first is Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president. He issued the Emancipation Proclamation that gave freedom to the African-Americans that were being held as slaves in 1863. He went on to end the Civil War and tried to unite the nation.

The second president that we celebrate is George Washington, the Father of our glorious country. He was not only the first President of the United States, but he was the first person who established the Purple Heart (although it was originally called the the Badge of Military Merit). It has been awarded for meritorious acts in times of war. In 1932 on the 200th birthday of George Washington, General Douglas MacArthur re-named the medal and called it what is known as today, with Washington's image on the medal.

The three aforementioned individuals that we celebrate during the first two months of every new year all had one thing in common: they all wanted unity in the country. As I get deeper into my thoughts, I find it to be coincidental that we in the MOPHA are calling this year "Year of the Unit." If you look at the word unity, the word unit is within unity. This country has a lot of diversity, but the one thing we can all agree on is that our diversity makes us stronger during the times of war. Despite our diversity, we all stand together as one unit in this great nation, the United States of America (we also find the word unit within united).



As we start our new year, I challenge each of you to include in your resolutions to stay loyal to the MOPHA and your fellow Auxiliary members. Start within your units, as this is where our roots are. As the roots expand, move up to your departments, followed by your national level. Like a tree we are only as strong as our roots. Your national leadership only can be as effective as the units and departments they serve.

God bless each of you, and God bless The United States. ✦

*For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

Romans 12:4-5

### CHANGES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please send **ADDRESS** changes, **DEATH** of a Member & **SUBSCRIPTIONS** to:

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MEMBERS OF THE SAN DIEGO Union at the annual afternoon tea honoring women veterans at the Veterans Home of California, Chula Vista.



NATIONAL MOPHA PRESIDENT and her husband, Joe Petrini, attending the Veterans Day event at Arlington National Cemetery.



12-YEAR-OLD GABRIEL FLENER raised over \$500 to have this Purple Heart ice sculpture made for the PH Ball. He did a great job!

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PNP DELORA Compton (1986-1987), a member of Unit 72 for over 60 years. Delora has donated nearly 7,000 volunteer hours at the Portland VA.



JUDY MARINO, Karen Grange and Marilyn Lieurance of Unit 72 working on the history book.



GEORGIA UNIT 1000 Annual Purple Heart Ball. Members Amanda Flener, National JVP; Mimi Knowlton, Pat Morgan (Unit 1000 President) and Julia Bridges.

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NATIONAL MOPHA Chaplain Barbara Waller attending the Unit 49 holiday luncheon.

# MOPHA In Memoriam



Reported Oct. 1 – Nov. 30, 2018\*

Name	DEPT	Unit	Deceased
Marge BIENVENUE	NML		Nov.27, 2016
Dixie Lee BRYANT	NML		Mar.28, 2018
Thelma BURNETT	NML		Apr.19, 2017
Mary E BUYDOS, Warren	Ohio	Ohio	Oct.19, 2017
Lula P. CAMPBELL	NML		Dec.4, 2013
Patricia CLARK	NML		Oct.15, 2012
Joan Gates DAFFRON	NML		July 13, 2018
Sue B FRANCIS	NML		Nov. 11, 2014
Pearl JONES, Greenport NY	California	49	Oct. 18, 2018
Esther LUYSTER, Barnesville	Ohio	DML(625)	Oct. 12, 2018
Roseann MALOUT	NML		May 9, 2009
Abbie G. MCKENZIE, Hollywood Fl	Florida	31	May 24, 2015

Name	DEPT	Unit	Deceased
Marian NICHOLSON	NML		Nov 21, 2014
Irene NIEWINSKI	NML		Sept.3, 2013
Karen A. PRIGMORE	NML		Dec. 4, 2017
Sophie ROKITA	NML		Sept.2, 2018
Dorothy J STROMBOLI'S, Derby Fl	Florida	776	Sept.28, 2017
Ofelia SUBERVI	NML		Feb.23, 2016
Joyce TURNER	Florida	776	June 5, 2017
Rosalie C. WATERS	NML		JULY 6, 2018
Geneva B. WILLIAMS, Orangeburg	SC	402	Feb.23, 2018

*He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.  
Psalm 147:3*

\* As reported to the MOPHA National Chaplain, per Bylaws Article VIII, Section 6 requirements

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Violas, assembled per 1,000 .....	\$125.00
Viola Donation Cans per 12 .....	20.00
Additional can labels each .....	00.12
Window Display Cards 50 .....	16.00
Grave Marker (Bronze) .....	65.00
Purple Heart Apron .....	20.00



*Payment in full must be received before order may be shipped.*

# Taps

Please note that Taps are organized by department and then alphabetized by last name.

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AL-4	2209-AL-4	Earl N Miller	AR	VN	Life Member
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AZ-6	0572-AZ-6	James H Phillips, Jr	AR	KR	Life Member
AR-5	0460-AR-5	Michael P Fairhead	AR	VN	Life Member
CA-6	0106-CA-6	Robert Porras	AR	W2	Life Member
CA-6	0385-CA-6	Cecil E Fisher	AR	W2	Life Member
CA-6	0392-CA-6	Gilbert A Lopez	AR	W2	Life Member
CA-6	2929-CA-6	Ted J Husby	AR	VN	Life Member
CT-1	0001-CT-1	Richard K Russell, Sr	AR	W2	Life Member
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FL-4	0759-FL-4	Frederick J Domini	MC	KR	Life Member
FL-4	0776-FL-4	Michael J Nemesh	AR	VN	Life Member
FL-4	0795-FL-4	Ralph E Hoffmann	MC	KR	Life Member
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FL-4	1963-FL-4	Cody A White	MC	KR	Life Member
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FL-4	DML-FL-4	Robert W Magee	AR	VN	Life Member
GA-4	0525-GA-4	Willard C Shiflett	AR	W2	Life Member
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IN-2	0736-IN-2	Melvin D Kohn	AR	VN	Life Member
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IN-2	0788-IN-2	Thomas A Cain	AR	VN	Life Member
IN-2	0855-IN-2	Larry V Burkhardt	AR	IF	Life Member
IN-2	0855-IN-2	James R Crawford	AR	VN	Life Member
IN-2	0855-IN-2	Larry Ward	AR	VN	Life Member
IA-2	0462-IA-2	Gordon G Fletcher	AR	W2	Life Member
IA-2	0777-IA-2	Joseph H Hineman	AR	W2	Life Member
KS-5	DML-KS-5	Howard R Goodwin	AR	W2	Life Member
KY-2	0146-KY-2	Jerry L Anderson	NV	VN	Life Member
KY-2	0146-KY-2	William P Brown	AR	W2	Life Member

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KY-2	0585-KY-2	Gary W Trent	AR	VN	Life Member
KY-2	0591-KY-2	Michael B Cagle	AR	VN	Life Member
KY-2	0591-KY-2	Loren E Davis	AR	W2	Life Member
KY-2	0591-KY-2	Neil A Mulvaney	AR	W2	Life Member
KY-2	0622-KY-2	Donald L Giles	AR	VN	Life Member
KY-2	2021-KY-2	Danny W Burchett	MC	VN	Life Member
KY-2	2021-KY-2	Richard P Ellsworth	MC	VN	Life Member
KY-2	2021-KY-2	Ronnie L King, Sr	AR	VN	Life Member
KY-2	DML-KY-2	Virgil E Ward	AR	W2	Life Member
LA-5	0331-LA-5	Billy Ray Shirley	AR	VN	Life Member
LA-5	0351-LA-5	James F Smyth	AR	VN	Life Member
LA-5	1955-LA-5	Jules A Walsdorf	MC	W2	Life Member
MD-1	0570-MD-1	Edwin F Pelosky	AR	W2	Life Member
MI-2	0018-MI-2	Steven B Porter	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0037-MI-2	Robert L Newbauer	MC	W2	Life Member
MI-2	0037-MI-2	Delphon L Newton	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0041-MI-2	Robert Collins, Jr	MC	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0041-MI-2	Lawrence E Cornell, Jr	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0041-MI-2	Willie G Peterson	AR	KR	Life Member
MI-2	0041-MI-2	John P Pollock	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0091-MI-2	Pitt Meldon	AR	W2	Life Member
MI-2	0091-MI-2	John R Richards	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0110-MI-2	Donald De Kraker	AF	W2	Life Member
MI-2	0110-MI-2	Lawrence T Kenny	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0110-MI-2	Jerry H Stone	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0127-MI-2	Casimino G Landa	AR	W2	Life Member
MI-2	0127-MI-2	Joe Mott	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0127-MI-2	Randall B Parsley	MC	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0180-MI-2	Lonnie D Coulter	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0180-MI-2	Dallas W Mossman, Sr	AR	KR	Life Member
MI-2	0180-MI-2	David F Oeming	AR	W2	Life Member
MI-2	0459-MI-2	David A Ratliff	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0514-MI-2	Robert J Chmielecki	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	0514-MI-2	Robert N Niven	AR	W2	Life Member
MI-2	0609-MI-2	Mancell Edward Hein	AR	W2	Life Member
MI-2	1818-MI-2	Gene Morosi	NV	W2	Life Member
MI-2	1879-MI-2	Clarence F Hull	AR	W2	Life Member
MI-2	1976-MI-2	John L Anderson	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	1985-MI-2	David M Pitmon	AR	VN	Life Member
MI-2	1985-MI-2	Norman J Smith	MC	KR	Life Member
MN-2	0005-MN-2	Herman Ashford	AR	VN	Life Member
MN-2	0005-MN-2	James C Crosby	MC	VN	Life Member
MN-2	0005-MN-2	Santo J Speranza	AR	W2	Life Member
MN-2	0008-MN-2	Charles S Barger, Jr	AR	KR	Life Member
MN-2	0008-MN-2	Edward Paul Haider	AR	W2	Life Member
MN-2	0056-MN-2	James Q Neumann	AR	VN	Life Member
MN-2	0194-MN-2	Richard W Seifel	MC	W2	Life Member
MN-2	0268-MN-2	Ivar H Aas	AR	W2	Life Member
MN-2	0268-MN-2	Carroll I Cast	AR	W2	Life Member
MN-2	0268-MN-2	William K Conter, Jr	AR	VN	Life Member
MN-2	0268-MN-2	Duane W Knops	MC	W2	Life Member
MN-2	0268-MN-2	Hillel B Lieberman	MC	KR	Life Member
MN-2	0268-MN-2	David L Monson	AR	W2	Life Member
MN-2	0268-MN-2	Eddie Louis Storlie	AR	W2	Life Member
MN-2	0745-MN-2	John R Bakke	AR	KR	Life Member
MN-2	0987-MN-2	Maynard R Bernard	AF	KR	Life Member
MN-2	0987-MN-2	John J Johnson	AR	VN	Life Member
MN-2	0987-MN-2	Delford H Long, Jr	MC	KR	Life Member
MN-2	0987-MN-2	Steven J Thomas	MC	KR	Life Member



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MN-2	0987-MN-2	Donald R Thornton	MC	KR	Life Member
MN-2	5555-MN-2	Roger D Papenfuss	AR	W2	Life Member
MS-4	0677-MS-4	Melvin C Hollingsworth	AR	VN	Life Member
MS-4	0806-MS-4	Philip T Cascio	AF	W2	Life Member
MO-2	0115-MO-2	Earle H Comfort	AF	VN	Life Member
MO-2	0115-MO-2	Harold Barr Palmer, II	AR	VN	Life Member
MO-2	0125-MO-2	Arnett V Kerr	AR	KR	Life Member
MO-2	0125-MO-2	Ron Kuvik	AR	VN	Life Member
MO-2	0125-MO-2	Walter J Ruegg	AR	W2	Life Member
MO-2	0125-MO-2	Willys A Schulte	MC	KR	Life Member
MO-2	0140-MO-2	Ronald W Meyerricks	MC	VN	Life Member
MO-2	0140-MO-2	Johnny M Reynolds	AR	VN	Life Member
MO-2	0605-MO-2	Kenton C Carver	AR	VN	Life Member
MO-2	0605-MO-2	Thomas G Matheny	AR	W2	Life Member
MO-2	0605-MO-2	Jesse D Wood, Jr	AR	W2	Life Member
MO-2	0621-MO-2	Frank Mease	AR	KR	Life Member
MO-2	0621-MO-2	Jose A Ocasio	AR	VN	Life Member
MT-3	2015-MT-3	Amil R Herseim	AR	W2	Life Member
MT-3	2015-MT-3	William J Morrelle	AR	W2	Life Member
MT-3	2015-MT-3	Peter R Wiltgen	AR	W2	Life Member
NE-2	0632-NE-2	Melvin M Edwards	AR	KR	Life Member
NE-2	0632-NE-2	Thomas H Jarvis	MC	VN	Life Member
NE-2	0632-NE-2	Jay L Swenson	AR	W2	Life Member
NE-2	DML-NE-2	Warren W Strong	AR	VN	Life Member
NJ-1	0036-NJ-1	George E Mick	AR	W2	Life Member
NJ-1	0036-NJ-1	Chester E Yuknavage	AR	W2	Life Member
NJ-1	0701-NJ-1	Donald J Fitz Maurice	AF	W2	Life Member
NM-5	2004-NM-5	Angel L Carrion	AR	W2	Life Member
NM-5	2004-NM-5	Gary L Williams	AR	VN	Life Member
NY-1	0187-NY-1	Anthony R Giralico	AR	W2	Life Member
NY-1	0405-NY-1	Charles P Aboussleman	AR	KR	Life Member
NY-1	0405-NY-1	Eugene Spagnoli	AR	W2	Life Member
NY-1	0417-NY-1	Frank A Abbate	NV	W2	Life Member
NY-1	DML-NY-1	Leo David Agnew	AR	KR	Life Member
NC-4	0634-NC-4	Seville S Funk	AR	W2	Life Member
NC-4	0634-NC-4	Stephen E Zenes	NV	VN	Life Member
NC-4	0637-NC-4	Carmine S Butera	AR	VN	Life Member
NC-4	0637-NC-4	M H Green, Jr	AR	W2	Life Member
NC-4	0638-NC-4	Edwin J Canter	MC	W2	Life Member
NC-4	0642-NC-4	Fernando D Mezias	NV	KR	Life Member
OH-2	0031-OH-2	Michael C Baker	AR	VN	Life Member
OH-2	0031-OH-2	Marvin T Bowers	AR	KR	Life Member
OH-2	0031-OH-2	Robert F Jess	AR	W2	Life Member
OH-2	0148-OH-2	Ben Haber	AR	W2	Life Member
OH-2	0148-OH-2	Robert V Kish	AR	W2	Life Member
OH-2	0148-OH-2	William C Wenzel	NV	W2	Life Member
OH-2	0156-OH-2	Bernard Brockman	MC	W2	Life Member
OH-2	0156-OH-2	Sylvester J Diebold	AR	W2	Life Member
OH-2	0473-OH-2	Richard E Dippel	NV	VN	Life Member
OH-2	0473-OH-2	Vincent A Minotti	MC	KR	Life Member
OH-2	0473-OH-2	William Saleski	AR	W2	Life Member
OH-2	0606-OH-2	Samuel E Lanza	MC	W2	Life Member
OH-2	0606-OH-2	George L Morrow	MC	KR	Life Member
OH-2	0606-OH-2	John L Snyder	AR	VN	Life Member
OH-2	0620-OH-2	Thomas J Roberts	MC	VN	Life Member
OH-2	0625-OH-2	Ralph V Atkinson	AR	KR	Life Member
OH-2	0699-OH-2	Larry L Callis	MC	VN	Life Member
OH-2	0840-OH-2	Robert J Biggs	AR	KR	Life Member
OH-2	1981-OH-2	Martin H Duck	NV	W2	Life Member

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OH-2	3620-OH-2	William W Ahrens	AR	VN	Life Member
OH-2	3620-OH-2	Glenn C Horn	AR	KR	Life Member
OH-2	3620-OH-2	Anthony J Otte	AR	W2	Life Member
OH-2	DML-OH-2	Ronald Baron	MC	VN	Life Member
OH-2	DML-OH-2	Thomas E Davis	MC	VN	Life Member
OH-2	DML-OH-2	William F Fudale	AR	KR	Life Member
OR-3	0072-OR-3	Donald E Dahl	MC	VN	Life Member
OR-3	0147-OR-3	Robert F Kyle	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0011-PA-1	John F Botchie, Jr	MC	VN	Life Member
PA-1	1777-PA-1	Theodore J Zabrosky	AR	W2	Life Member
TN-4	0356-TN-4	Sidney B Bishop	AR	W2	Life Member
TN-4	0356-TN-4	Samuel M Freshour, Sr	AR	W2	Life Member
TN-4	0356-TN-4	Billy R Loveday	AR	VN	Life Member
TN-4	0356-TN-4	Ralph Neal	AR	W2	Life Member
TN-4	0356-TN-4	James H Sorrell	AR	W2	Life Member
TN-4	0356-TN-4	Will Williams, Jr	AR	W2	Life Member
TN-4	0457-TN-4	Lawrence E Coates, Sr	AR	KR	Life Member
TN-4	0484-TN-4	James M Francis	AR	W2	Life Member
TN-4	DML-TN-4	James J Womack	AR	W2	Life Member
TX-5	0542-TX-5	Arthur A Kirscht	AR	W2	Life Member
TX-5	0542-TX-5	William L Wilhoit	NV	W2	Life Member
TX-5	0740-TX-5	Hugh L Holbrook	AR	W2	Life Member
TX-5	0814-TX-5	William C Hise	AR	W2	Life Member
TX-5	1513-TX-5	Willard B Woodruff, Jr	AR	W2	Life Member
TX-5	1836-TX-5	Raul Campbell	MC	VN	Life Member
TX-5	1836-TX-5	Lee F Johnson	AR	W2	Life Member
TX-5	1836-TX-5	Ildefonso Rodriguez	AR	KR	Life Member
TX-5	1876-TX-5	Ivan G Hyden	AR	VN	Life Member
TX-5	1919-TX-5	Stephen J Bodnar	AR	W2	Life Member
TX-5	1919-TX-5	Robert L Cook	AF	W2	Life Member
TX-5	DML-TX-5	Charles Phillip DuPree	AR	VN	Life Member
DK-3	5354-DK-3	Garnett Black Bear, Sr	NV	W2	Life Member
VA-1	0353-VA-1	John Fales, Jr	MC	VN	Life Member
VA-1	0353-VA-1	Robert N Flath	NV	W2	Life Member
VA-1	0353-VA-1	Frederick J Marsh	AR	W2	Life Member
VA-1	0510-VA-1	Edgar W Croom	AR	KR	Life Member
WA-3	0470-WA-3	Keith E Cress	AR	VN	Life Member
WV-2	0408-WV-2	John S Delekta	AR	W2	Life Member
WV-2	0418-WV-2	Ralph O Hayes	AR	KR	Life Member
WV-2	0418-WV-2	H Glenn Watson	AR	VN	Life Member
WV-2	0430-WV-2	Hubert I Southern	AR	W2	Life Member
WV-2	0579-WV-2	Bobbie L Black	AR	KR	Life Member
WV-2	0579-WV-2	Allen F Ellison	MC	VN	Life Member
WV-2	0579-WV-2	Wilbur R Fink	AR	VN	Life Member
WV-2	0615-WV-2	Leonard C Lee	AR	W2	Life Member
WV-2	0615-WV-2	Hurshal A Nida	AR	W2	Life Member
WV-2	0710-WV-2	Kenneth Paul Bennett	MC	VN	Life Member
WV-2	0710-WV-2	Charles H Hare	AR	KR	Life Member
WV-2	0710-WV-2	Donald R Steiner	MC	VN	Life Member
WV-2	0724-WV-2	Raymond L Burns	AR	KR	Life Member
WV-2	0724-WV-2	Delmer Paul Gibson	MC	W2	Life Member
WV-2	0733-WV-2	Leonard Maynard	AF	W2	Life Member
WI-2	0164-WI-2	Lawrence G Driessen	AR	W2	Life Member
WI-2	0164-WI-2	John D Pickett	NV	KR	Life Member
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