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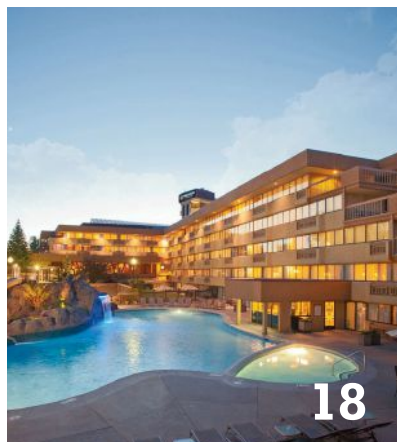
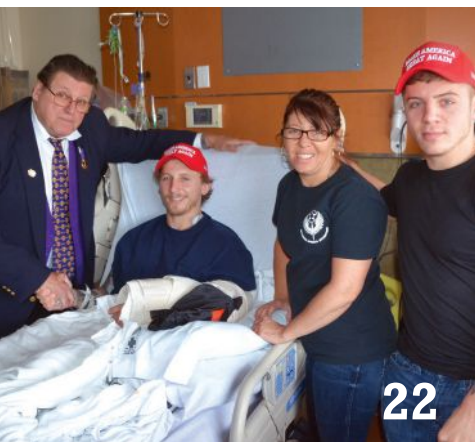
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THE MISSION OF the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among Combat Wounded Veterans, promote Patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives, and most importantly, provide service to all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

IT IS TRULY AN UNDERSTATEMENT when I tell you that the past two months have been extremely hectic for your leadership team. Among the accomplishments were: the successful launch of the new “Purple Heart Legacy Program”; participation in meetings of the Purple Heart Foundation to develop new sources of funding for MOPH; continued assistance to Patriots affected by natural disasters; the conduct of the annual National Service Officers re-certification training in Orlando; the presentation of MOPH’s legislative agenda to the U.S. Congress; one-on-one meetings with both the majority and minority leaders of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs; and a visit to the National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

This year marked the third time that I had the opportunity to attend the annual National Service Officer (NSO) training. I was joined by Junior Vice Commander Felix Garcia, who was attending for his first time. Led by National Service Director Angelo Wider, the training was superb and, in my opinion, better than any I previously attended. There were 108 NSOs from 75 offices, spanning the nation from Puerto Rico to Guam, attending the training. MOPH is extremely fortunate to have such a remarkable cadre of dedicated professionals, each of whom is committed to our MOPH Service Program and the veterans they serve.

During fiscal year 2017, our NSOs submitted over 12,000 VA claims, filed 629 Notices of Disagreements, processed 286 appeals, appeared at 77 hearings and made over 2,000 outreach visits to veterans’ centers, hospitals and MOPH chapters, which resulted in over \$213 million in VA benefits for deserving veterans and their dependents. I can, without hesitation, say that our NSOs are second to none. In fact, most VA medical centers not only recognize the dedication and professionalism of our MOPH NSOs, but recommend them over other Service Officers. I especially want to commend National Service



Director Angelo Wider and his assistant, Adale Tourtellott, for presenting an excellent training program. His outstanding leadership style, innovative approach to personnel management and remapping the structure of the service program have led directly to better utilization of our limited resources and given a breath of fresh air to the MOPH National Service Program, making it even more visible and productive.

In advance of my congressional testimony, the leadership team had the opportunity to meet individually with Representative Phil Roe (R-TN), Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and with Representative Tim Walz (D-MN), the Committee’s Ranking Member, for frank and productive discussions about the MOPH’s legislative priorities. At the conclusion of the meetings, we honored Representative Roe with the 2018 MOPH Outstanding Leadership Award for his years of dedicated service to veterans. We also honored Kelsey Baron, a staff member on the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, with the Exemplary Service Award.

My congressional testimony to the House and Senate Joint Veterans Affairs Committee went very well, thanks to our National Legislative Director, Aleks Mo-



rosky, who coordinated all of the scheduling and arrangements. I consider this annual appearance to be one of the most important responsibilities of the National Commander, as advocating for all veterans is a key element of our organization's mission. For a summary of my testimony, please see page 23 of this issue and to view the full text of my testimony, you can read and download a copy of what was submitted to Congress on the MOPH HQ website.

During my testimony, MOPH was the only Service Organization to be singled out and recognized by both Representatives Roe and Walz. As I raised the issue of Concurrent Receipts and SBP/DIC offsets, or "Widow's Tax," in my testimony, a group of over 30 Gold Star Widows in the audience loudly cheered. After everyone's testimony, the Gold Star Widows surrounded the MOPH leadership team and thanked us for being the only Veterans' Service Organization to raise this important issue as a legislative priority.

From Capitol Hill, we traveled to the Department of Veterans Affairs for a one-on-one meeting with former Secretary David Shulkin. Once again, we had the opportunity to discuss MOPH's legislative priorities and our concerns for VA support to all veterans. In our meetings on both Capitol Hill and at the VA, MOPH's Legislative Director, Aleks Morosky, was singled out and praised for his professional representation of MOPH and the interests of all veterans. Both Representatives Roe and Walz noted that, "Aleks is always prepared and very accessible; as a representative on Capitol Hill, he is a rare find, and MOPH is very lucky to have him."

The next day, I traveled to the National Military Medical Center, better known as Walter Reed Medical Center, in Bethesda, Md., thanks to a visit coordinated by National Public Relations Director John Bircher, who also accompanied me. We were graciously and warmly greeted by staff members who gave us a tour of the facility, followed by a stop to meet and talk with SSG Charles Edwards, a USAF Air Policeman and a Purple Heart recipient. We also had the opportunity to meet and talk with his mother and brother, who is also an active duty Marine. As both a fellow cop and Purple Heart brother,

it was appropriate to give Charles my challenge coin and sign him up as a new member of MOPH. Just as we were leaving, Patriot Bircher showed me the hospital's Purple Heart Alcove on the ground floor near the entrance, created several years ago when PNC Clayton Jones was in office. While admiring the beautiful display, I was approached by SGM Jan Sullivan, a 29-year veteran and now a civilian employee, who excitedly told us that she has just received authorization to completely re-do our Purple Heart corner and move the display to an even more prominent location.

On March 17 we received a desperate plea for help from a Patriot in Puerto Rico whose home has been without electricity for six months. Both he and his wife have medical conditions that require access to electricity. Having already been through three generators, he feared that he or his wife would not survive their present conditions and he decided to purchase a home in another part of the island that had both electricity and fresh running water. Unfortunately, the cost of the house exceeded the authorized amount of the VA loan, so the veteran was unable to close on the home. Following approval in an emergency meeting of the Disaster Relief Committee, the Order was able to wire sufficient funds directly to his bank to allow the Patriot to close on his home. With tears in his voice, he called the next day to thank the leadership team, but was told that the thanks really belonged to the Order's membership; his fellow brothers and sisters of Purple who selflessly made generous donations for disaster relief. Thank you to all Patriots and your families.

Finally, I again want to thank the membership for your enthusiastic support of the new Purple Heart Legacy program. Created to help offset financial shortfalls in the operational needs of the Order. For those of you that have not yet joined, can I count on you to join your brothers and sisters today? Your monthly contribution of \$19.32 can help ensure the longevity and legacy of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

It seems impossible to believe that it has been 50 years since Vietnam. To all combat brothers and sisters, welcome home! ✧



## Knowing Where We Are Going

**A** WISE PERSON ONCE SAID, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there." Smart leaders will formulate a strategic plan to focus themselves and their staff so that everyone knows the direction of travel and the means to get there. This is certainly true of the current leadership of the Order. Not only are we focused on the current fiscal problems of the Order, we are making course corrections and finding new sources of revenue and weeding out wasteful spending anywhere we see it. Some of these measures are temporary, and some will become permanent. In all cases, the ideas are coming from many sources as we subscribe to the dictum

that "all good ideas do not start with us." We are open to hearing all points of view and all reasonable suggestions. It is said that in combat the plan goes out the window the moment the first shot is fired. This is true in our organization also, as the situation stays fluid, and what seems good today may be obsolete tomorrow. That is why we remain flexible and through excellent communications can react quickly to new challenges.

Leaders are not born, they are developed. The development process is the result of experiences and mentorship. One can prepare many years for a leadership position, but once the position is assumed, the learning process starts all over again. Nothing prepares for leadership like leading. The various opportunities presented for learning how to lead are all over the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The more positions that one has the opportunity to fill, the broader and greater the leadership experience. Just as in our shared experiences in the military, you start as a pri-

vate before you become a sergeant, and a sergeant before you become a sergeant major. A second lieutenant fumbles around before they ever become a captain or a general. This process develops leadership and before anyone can become a real leader, they must first learn how to follow. Although many would like to start at the top, experience tells us this is fraught with disaster.

We are in the middle of a sea change. Our older members are mentoring and training our newest members. This requires helping our newest members find the positions that they need to gain the experience to succeed. Not all will do well, but it is up to the older generation to help them find their niche and to turn over authority to let them find their way. Blaming the past for mistakes that hamper the present is a waste of time. True leaders take what is given and move forward, planning and executing and adapting. Status quo is not an option and certainly is not the current situation. ✱

### MOPH NEW CHAPTERS as of February 14, 2018

Charter Date	Region	Dept	Chapter	Chapter Name	City	Organizer
2/14/2018	4	GA-4	0834-GA-4	Rodney Maxwell Davis USMC	Macon	Ruben Jordan, Jr.

## Honor the Fallen

**M**EMORIAL DAY WAS OFFICIALLY proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. It is now celebrated on the last Monday in May.

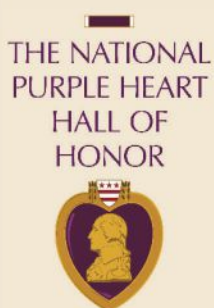
It is the men and women of our armed and uniformed forces who have made and kept us and our allies free through the years and worked to restore the nations we have vanquished. It is they who have placed themselves between war's desolation and their families at home. It is they who have shed their blood that others may live free. And it is to them that we owe a debt of gratitude for the past and a debt of commitment to the future. They paid the sacrifice, and many times the ultimate sacrifice, for the liberties we now enjoy.

We can best honor the fallen by committing ourselves to ensure that this great nation will be a land where all people share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. As free American citizens who have fought and returned from battle, we strive to live more meaningful lives—lives devoted to serving God, each other and this great nation; lives of nobility, integrity and honesty; courage, duty and respect.

On May 28, 2018, wreaths will be placed on the graves of fallen warriors in cemeteries across this land; parades will fill the streets of towns and cities; ceremonies and speeches will be observed and heard. And faithful people will turn aside from the “holiday” to observe a “holy day” of prayer for those who have given their lives in the service of this nation and the cause of freedom. Wherever you are, keep a moment of remembrance for our fallen comrades. ✕



## ARE YOU ENROLLED ON THE ROLL OF HONOR at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor?



**T**he National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, located in New Windsor NY is the only facility in the nation dedicated to collecting, preserving and sharing the stories of our nation's service men and women who have been killed or wounded by enemy action while serving in the United States military.

**We rely on family, friends and Purple Heart recipients to share their stories with us. We need your help to build the Roll of Honor database containing these stories.**

*To learn more about the Hall of Honor, sharing your story and free enrollment please visit our website at: [www.thepurpleheart.com](http://www.thepurpleheart.com) or call the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor at 845.561.1765.*



The Hall of Honor is part of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission which administers 27 parks, parkways and historic sites for the Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation in NY.



## Many Thanks From Region V And Its Members

**S**INCE OUR LAST NATIONAL CONVENTION in Dallas, Tex., the MOPH has seen devastation from fires, hurricanes and nor'easter storms, which has had a heavy impact on our members throughout the United States. During these natural disasters, members throughout the MOPH have stepped up and given monies and other types of support to the members who have been impacted by these disasters. It was great during these times that the national leadership, region commanders, department commanders, chapter commanders and individual members throughout the MOPH have donated monies and supplies to those in need in the MOPH.

In Region V, two of our states, Texas and Louisiana, were impacted by the recent hurricanes. Some members lost everything they had and some members had heavy damage to their homes. It was during this time that our National Jr. Vice Commander, Felix Garcia, and I crisscrossed Texas and covered over a thousand miles in just a few short days, visiting members from Victoria to Sugarland. We were in awe of the devastation that the hurricanes had done and left behind. We visited some of our members and passed out cases of water and supplies. We passed this info along with photos to

our national leadership. This led to the outpouring of donations from throughout the MOPH. Felix also had heavy damage to his home from the floodwaters that the hurricanes produced.

All the members within Region V, especially in Texas and Louisiana, want to thank the members throughout the MOPH that helped us in the time of need. Also, a special shout-out to my buddies from the 11th Brigade Recon, 23rd Inf Div., that I served with in Vietnam from 1970-1971, who sent donations to our members in Region V. ✱

### MOPH MEMBERSHIP TOP RECRUITERS as of April 9, 2018

Member	Chapter	No Recruited	National Service Officer	State	No Recruited
Neil Van Ess	0366-NJ-1	53	NSO Nickolas Easterling	MI	4
John A Lunkwicz	1513-TX-5	25	NSO Joseph LaRocca	PA	3
Ryan M Sabinish	7110-MN-2	20	NSO Kevin Ott	OH	3
Joseph S Schaler	0159-IL-2	17	NSO Dave Srock	MN	3
Brian W Willette	0875-MA-1	7	NSO Seth Janisse	MI	2
Tom Cunningham	0148-OH-2	6	NSO Paul Kaiser	MI	2
Thomas Y Tanaka	0483-HI-6	6	NSO Charles Robles	CA	2
			NSO Troy Westphal	MN	2





CHAPTER 1513, a Texas chapter from DFW Mid-Cities, worked to get the American Legion Post 597 of Carrollton, Tex., to become a "Purple Heart Post" on March 12.

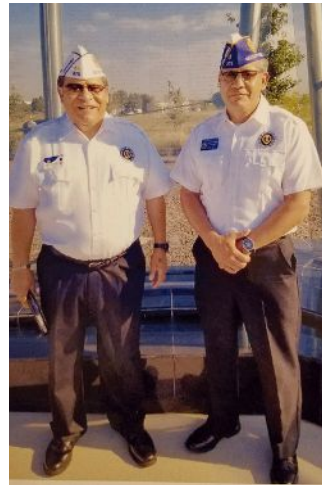
## Quilt of Valor

CONGRATULATIONS TO PATRIOT Ray Poynter, Chapter 460, for his receipt of a Quilt of Valor presented by the Ladies Prime Time Bible Study, Fellowship Bible Church of Northwest Arkansas. The quilt was designed and completed in 2017 and autographed by Phyllis Davis, Primary Quilter. All Ladies in the group made contributions. The March 5 presentation was made by Joyce Roberts, Prime Time Ladies, in recognition of Patriot Poynter's service to our great nation and his significant contributions to Veterans Service Organizations, community civic groups and the local area schools.



Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Prime Time Ladies and Patriot Ray Poynter, Chapter 460.

## REGION V EVENTS



CHAPTER 375, Aurora, Colo., has two brothers who are Purple Heart recipients. They are Region V Commander Francisco "Paco" Elizalde Jr. (left) and Chapter 375 Jr. Vice Commander Javier "Eli" Elizalde (right). Paco is a Vietnam War veteran and Eli is a Afghanistan/Iraq war veteran.

The brothers were at the Colorado Freedom Memorial in Aurora. It's a memorial that honors those military service members who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country since Colorado became a state. It's located near Buckley AFB in Aurora. The memorial is a site to remember the heroes of Colorado.



ON JULY 17, 2017, Waco, Tex., TV station KWTX-TV was designated a Purple Heart TV Station. Senator Brian Birdwell, Dept. of Texas Cdr Earl Williams and Region V Chief of Staff John Footman unveil the Purple Heart monument. Patriot John Footman was the initiator of this event. KWTX-TV is an affiliate of CBS, in Waco.

## REGION V EVENTS

## DEAR FELLOW PATRIOTS IN PURPLE,

AT A PURPLE HEART FOUNDATION Executive Board teleconference meeting on April 17th, 2018, National Commander Neil Van Ess, along with Senior Vice Commander Doug Middleton, Junior Vice Commander Felix Garcia, National Adjutant Jack Leonard, and Angelo Wider who were listening in, were directly informed by the Foundation that the 2018-2019 budget will be cut by 50%.

We were told the Purple Heart Foundation would not fund the Service Program for the next two years. Only the MOPH Headquarters would be funded and I would have to suspend the Service Program for 2 years.

The Foundation has failed us. The Military Order of the Purple Heart's headquarters and service program

has been drastically cut since 2011. In last 8 years, the budget has been cut from eleven (11) plus million dollars down to three (3) plus million dollars for FY 2018/2019.

Not funding the MOPH Service Program is unacceptable to membership of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Your National Commander and leadership team (Senior Vice Commander, Doug Middleton, and Junior Vice Commander Felix Garcia) are unified as one. We are taking all appropriate actions for survival of the Order (and Service Program). **We will not fail.** The Military Order of Purple Heart **WILL SURVIVE.**

Godspeed all brother's/sister's in purple.

*Neil Van Ess, National Commander • Doug Middleton, Senior Vice Commander • Felix Garcia, Junior Vice Commander*

## Military Order of the Purple Heart Announces Suspension of its National Service Program

(SPRINGFIELD, VA, APRIL 21, 2018) The Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc. (MOPH) regrets to announce that, effective June 30, 2018, it will no longer be able to provide assistance with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to Veterans and their families through the MOPH National Service Program. Effective on that date, all offices of the MOPH Service Program will be closed and all Veterans' claims now being administered by MOPH National Service Officers will be transferred to accredited Service Officers of other Veteran Service Organizations or to State or County Service officers, as appropriate. No Veterans' claims will be stopped or harmed in any way by this action.

Closure of the MOPH National Service Program has been made necessary by failure of the Purple Heart Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Organization, to be able to raise sufficient funds to sustain operation of the Service Program and a number of other programs of the Order. The Purple Heart Foundation notified the Commander of the Military Order of Purple Heart that no funds would be provided in the next fiscal year for operation of the MOPH Service Program. Faced with a dramatic reduction of 50% of the prior year's operating budget, already well below earlier years, the MOPH has been left with no choice other than to dramatically re-

duce expenditures for its outreach programs.

This announcement in no way affects continuation of the MOPH as a patriotic and fraternal organization, composed solely of our Nation's combat wounded Veterans. MOPH wants to assure the public that service to Veterans remains our number one priority. Every possible action is being taken to streamline operating costs, while at the same time restructuring our fundraising efforts to reach out to new and existing sponsors and supporters for their assistance in continuing the Order's support of Veterans and their families.

With grants from the Purple Heart Foundation, the MOPH and its Auxiliary promote Patriotism, Fraternalism, and the Preservation of America's military history. Until now, through its National Service Program, the MOPH has provided comfort and assistance to all Veterans and their families, especially those requiring claims assistance with the VA, those who are homeless, and those requiring employment assistance.

Continuing programs of the MOPH include VA Volunteer Service, JROTC Leadership Awards, Scholarships, Suicide Awareness, Americanism, Purple Heart Trail and Cities, Welfare, and numerous community service programs, all with the objective of service to Veterans and their families.



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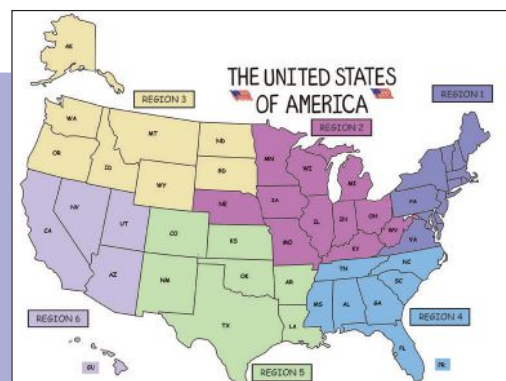
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## DOUGLAS MIDDLETON

CANDIDATE FOR **NATIONAL COMMANDER**

**M**Y NAME IS Doug Middleton, and I am a candidate for National Commander. I currently serve as your Senior Vice Commander.



Here is my background. I was drafted into the U.S. Army. I spent 17 months as an enlisted soldier, achieving the rank of PFC. I graduated from OCS and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Artillery. I spent the remainder of just over 30 years on active duty and retired as a Colonel, O6.

After retiring, I served as the COO of the Metro Atlanta Red Cross for 10 years, running the day-to-day operations of the chapter, fundraising and recruiting volunteers. I was then hired as the CEO of Prevent Child Abuse Georgia, where I had similar duties of overseeing our programs, fundraising and public awareness. I have had 14 years of daily fund and friend-raising activities.

I joined MOPH in 1995, and I have been a Chapter Commander and Department Commander. I was elected to the National Publications Committee and later elected as the Region IV Commander. I was elected as the National Junior Vice Commander in a special election and last year as your Senior Vice Commander.

As your National Commander, I will continue to emphasize the importance of our chapters. I intend to introduce a new "Chapter of Excellence" program. I believe we can reinvigorate those chapters that need some help and call on the expertise of those chapters that are doing well. I will continue our "top to bottom" communications strategy of regional conference calls. We will continue to put members and veterans first through our service officer programs and our legislative agenda. The website will improve. We will continue to use and leverage social media as a means of recruiting new members and engaging our current members.

I will not make pie in the sky promises of raising tons of money when I know that is unrealistic, but I can promise I will work my tail off for you and I will work tirelessly to keep the Foundation solvent and on track to reach its goals.

Please vote for Doug Middleton for National Commander. ✧

## DOUG GREENLAW

CANDIDATE FOR **NATIONAL COMMANDER**

**P**ATRIOTS, MY NAME IS Douglas J. Greenlaw (Doug) and I am a candidate for National Commander of the MOPH. This may be the most important election ever. The Order's financial needs are in jeopardy as we have never seen before in our history. I am asking you for your support during our national convention this summer. While revenues continue to erode, expenses have grown considerably. Our foundation's net asset value has deteriorated to the point that operating expenses cannot be covered. We are losing money every year with inadequate funding on the horizon.



I served as a US Army 1st Lieutenant Infantry Platoon Leader, receiving a Brigade level promotion to Company Commander, a recipient of the Silver Star, Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts, in Vietnam, with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, 1967-1968. I have a Bachelor's degree/Indiana University and a Ph.D./Lindenwood University/St. Louis. The differences between myself and the other candidate could not be more clearly defined. I will be a change agent vs. status quo. I will vow to rein in expenses and covet the important national programs that help our fellow veterans and our local chapters. I am a highly experienced/successful fundraiser.

My strategy will be to initially raise corporate funding, filling the short-term financial gaps while simultaneously building a celebrity-driven national fundraising drive, sustaining the Order into the future. I have superior contacts and tactics supporting this strategy. I am uniquely qualified to accomplish this difficult mission.

I have run three public companies, led two IPOs, dramatically increasing the value of those corporations. I held top positions as President of Sales and Promotional Marketing at the MTV Networks (MTV, VH1, Nickelodeon and TV Land), CEO of Multimedia, Inc., (a large national media corporation, 5000 employees, advisor-Goldman Sachs), and CEO of CBS's successful website, Switchboard, Inc. I am currently a member of the Board of Directors of Alcentra Capital Corporation, Advised by Alcentra/The Bank of New York/Mellon and CEO of Greenlaw Investments, Inc. I maintain top business and MOPH endorsements. ✧

## FELIX GARCIA

CANDIDATE FOR **NATIONAL SR. VICE COMMANDER**

**P**ATRIOTS, I ASK each one of you to reflect on the following: “wounded or killed in any action against an enemy of the United States or as a result of an act of any such enemy or opposing armed forces.” We all



earned the Purple Heart as a result. It is time for us to return to the basics of mutual respect in the ranks. This past year, I have learned from each one of you, even from the negativity that has plagued our organization.

In my first year, I have focused on the budget, particularly MOPH, but versed of the foundations. If you honor me with a second year, I will continue with an emphasis on outreach and more importantly respect within the ranks. We all served in the Profession of Arms and we have the capability and ability to act with reverence in our Order. Instead of discontent, we need to capitalize on the talent within the ranks.

Secondly, we need to forge long-term bonds with both the public and private sectors. Our name and logo should be in every major airport, back of our vehicles, learned in schools, discussed on local broadcast, etc. I will need your assistance and support to re-brand our beloved Order and honor the estimated 1.8 million Purple Hearts awarded.

I have been a member since 2005 and have risen through the ranks. I respectfully ask for your support as National Senior Vice Commander. ✧

## RICK CHERONE

CANDIDATE FOR **NATIONAL JR. VICE COMMANDER**

**A**S MANY OF YOU know, this is not my first attempt to seek election as National Junior Vice Commander. As many of you don't know, I'm passionate in what I do and never tread lightly in my enthusiasm or initiative to move forward for the good of the Order. I don't believe leadership is born but I do believe it can be achieved with ambition and determination. Most of all, I know that no one is a one-man team—not in the military and certainly not in this organization.



I've served at various levels at chapter, department, and national. As Region 2 Commander for three years, 2011-2013 and 2017-present, I understand that success begins with chapters and chapters are the heart of the MOPH.

As an active volunteer in Wisconsin, I've initiated veteran programs and attended events such as Camp Hometown Heroes (supporting the children of our fallen). I believe volunteer work is vital to gain knowledge on what we do and what can be realized as an organization. It also brings visibility to the organization and serves to mentor our younger veterans, who will soon be leading the Order.

My education includes two Bachelor's degrees, one in Industrial Engineering with a minor in Psychology and one in Computer Science (analyst). I understand the requisite teamwork to get projects developed and completed. My eligibility in this organization is based on two Purple Hearts. I also have a Bronze star, a ACM with a “V,” a Combat Medics Badge, and Air Borne Jump Wings which entitled me proud membership of the 173rd Airborne Brigade.

I believe that experience, commitment and an eagerness to serve are foremost when running for any position. For these reasons I ask for your vote as National Junior Vice Commander and enthusiastically look forward to serving. ✧

## Candidacy Announcements

### FRANCISCO “PACO” ELIZALDE JR

CANDIDATE FOR **NATIONAL JR. VICE COMMANDER**

**M**EMBERS OF the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America

I am announcing my candidacy for the office of National Jr. Vice Commander.



Currently I'm the Region V Commander, Francisco "Paco" Elizalde Jr., and have held various positions from Region V Cdr, Region V Chief of Staff for three years, Dept Cdr of Colorado and Chapter Cdr and others various positions.

I joined the MOPH on June 29, 2007. I have seen our Order go through bad times as well as good times. Recently, our Order has gone through some devastating times due to Mother Nature's wrath, but, as a team we have pulled together and helped our members in need.

I'm a kind of "boots on the ground" type of leader, as some of you know by now. I'm not going to make any promises to the Order that I can't keep. However, I will say that our current leadership is steering in the right direction and I would like to be part of the continuing momentum of this Order. I'm all about what's in it for the best of the Order, nothing less. I will utilize the expertise of members, committee members, Region Commanders, Staff members and the two Commanders above me, along with others that I'm surrounded with, to make intelligent decisions that are for the best of the Order, and continue with the transparency that we have now.

With all said above, I'm asking for your support for my candidacy for National Jr Vice Commander. ✧

### WILL THOMPSON

CANDIDATE FOR **REGION II COMMANDER**

**D**EAR FELLOW PATRIOTS, my name is Will Thompson. I am the current Department of Ohio Commander and Chief of Staff for current Region II Commander Rick Cherone.



I am pleased and honored to announce my candidacy for Region II Commander.

As Region II Commander, I would endow the office the utmost respect and serve Region II with great honor and pride. I would deliver the same commitment to the position as I have in my previous positions including the inception of and commanding of Chapter 1612 and commanding the Dept. of Ohio.

I passionately advocate for veterans' rights, benefits and legislation in both my personal and professional life. My career as a Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist (DVOP) allows me the great opportunity to serve fellow veterans, help them overcome their barriers, and help them re-enter the workforce.

Studious with due diligence, eager to work, great interpersonal skills and driven to serve, I will utilize my skill set while serving as Region Commander. I. Will. Advocate.

Please contact me at [wthompson1@gmail.com](mailto:wthompson1@gmail.com) or through LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/wthompson1/>) with any questions. May we all serve the Order, our veterans and our communities. ✧



## LENNY LAZZARA

CANDIDATE FOR **REGION IV COMMANDER**

**SERVED IN THE USMC** for three years, serving in Vietnam with the 1st Recon Bn. 1968-1969. I received my Purple Heart in Feb. 1968. I was discharged as a Sergeant in 1969 and spent 30 years with the New York



Telephone Co. For 20 of those years I was a union shop steward and represented my fellow union members in contract dealings with management. After retiring from Verizon, I worked as an electrician for 15 years.

I moved to North Carolina in 2002 and joined the MOPH in 2007. I served as Chapter Commander for Chapter 639 for three years and have served as North Carolina State Commander for two years. Under my leadership, North Carolina has grown in membership. During this period Chapter 639 worked diligently with other North Carolina chapters to secure over 230 Proclamations, of which 100 Proclamations were for every county in the State of North Carolina, making North Carolina the first complete Purple Heart State in the nation. This was done through communication and dedication. I worked as the coordinator working with other chapters and county officers to make this achievement possible.

Communication is the fuel that moves an organization forward. I would now like to be Region IV Commander and feel that my communication, organization and negotiation skills will serve the Order well.

I welcome the opportunity to lead Region IV as Commander and humbly ask for your vote. ✱

## CHARLES W. ADKINS, JR. (CHUCK)

CANDIDATE FOR **REGION V COMMANDER**

**AM PLEASED TO** announce my candidacy for Commander, Region V. My background includes both military and civilian leadership experience which has given me the knowledge and abilities to move Region V successfully into the future with sense of pride and purpose.



At the chapter level, I have served as Junior Vice Commander and am going on my fourth year as Chapter Commander. In 2015, I was elected Department Senior Vice Com-

mander and have been serving as Department Commander since August 2016 and was selected to serve as Region V Adjutant in 2017. I have led the department from being at the bottom of the pile in terms of reporting, recruiting and rosters to the very top in 2016. I have also taken the painful steps to close 10 inactive chapters but recovered over \$10,000 in abandoned funds for the department.

I have monitored the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for the last two years, giving me an excellent understanding of the principles and purpose of the Bylaws.

Teamwork and communication are keys to the motivation and success of any organization. In the Department of Arkansas we have found it very easy to share ideas and information and I pledge to do the same as Region V Commander.

If elected, I look forward to working with the entire leadership of the Military Order of the Purple Heart to meet and overcome challenges that may come our way. ✱

## Candidacy Announcements

### LEE BROWN

CANDIDATE FOR

**NATIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE**

**T**O THE MEMBERS of the Military Order of the Purple Heart:

I announce my candidacy for membership on the National Publications Committee, and I humbly ask



for your support.

I have served the Order at each level, beginning at the chapter level before moving on to the department level. While a member of the Department of Florida, I served as its Finance Officer, Senior Vice Commander and ultimately as Department Commander. Currently I am the Region IV Commander.

I have dedicated myself to the Order and wish to continue to serve. My publications qualifications include serving as the editor of the newspaper of Jacksonville University and I have written for numerous small papers and I have published two blogs. I am a published author and a life member of the Florida Writers Association. Above all, my most meaningful quality is my willingness to serve and my dedication to the Order. ✧



## NATIONAL CONVENTION SPOKANE, WA

Monday, July 30th – Friday, August 3rd, 2018

## 2018 PURPLE HEART TRUCK RUN



THE FOCUS OF the 2018

Purple Heart Run will again be “Mobility is Freedom.” The run is sponsored jointly by Wounded Warriors Family Support (WWFS) and the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH).

The Purple Heart Run allows Purple Heart recipients the opportunity to thank Americans from all across our great country for their appreciation and support of our nation’s military and their families.

The team will stop to give publicity for local MOPH chapters and Purple Heart entities. At each stop they will deliver Combat-Wounded-Parking Signs, provided free of charge by WWFS, to any interested entity as a way of honoring and recognizing these veterans.

Americans from all walks of life are invited and encouraged to show their support for our military families by visiting one of the events on this year’s tour and signing the Ford truck with a message of support to our country’s veterans and their families.

### June 18

Departure Ceremony, Washington, DC

### June 19–23

Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts

### June 25–30

New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, South Carolina

### July 2–7

Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee

### July 9–14

Missouri, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah

### July 16–21

Idaho, Nevada, California

### July 23–28

California, Oregon

### July 30

Welcome Ceremony, MOPH National Convention, Spokane, WA

For more details about the Purple Heart Truck Run route and schedule:

**[www.mophnationalconvention.org/purple-heart-truck-run-2018](http://www.mophnationalconvention.org/purple-heart-truck-run-2018)**

*Proposed route and schedule as of April 2018*

## Mail Call



### Well Done, Region IV!

I JUST FINISHED READING the March/April issue of *Purple Heart* Magazine and while I always enjoy the magazine, I really enjoyed this edition. The Region IV Commander's Briefing article on page 8 was refreshing to me and reminded me just why I became a member of this organization.

There are many reasons to be a member and many benefits, but none compare to the expression of true empathy and concern this region placed on the welfare of its members during the national weather crisis of hurricane Maria. Their efforts to check on the members impacted by this storm and offer assistance are indicative of just what this organization represents. I think something akin to "honor the dead and nurture the living" is a good description of this effort. As the wealthiest and most powerful nation in the world, we have basically failed Puerto Rico in this time of need as a country; this organization did not.

Well done Region IV and Commander Brown and team!

Mark Leslie  
LTC (RET), US Army  
DeRidder, LA  
Chapter 727

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# MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART 86TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

## SPOKANE, WA

Monday, July 30th — Friday, August 3rd, 2018

**Key Events:** Meetings & Business Sessions on Monday July 30th — Friday August 3rd  
 Joint Opening — MOPH & Auxiliary on Monday July 30th  
 Department Commander's Breakfast & PNC / PNP Luncheon on Tuesday July 31st  
 Golf Tournament & Free Time on Wednesday August 1st  
 Regional Caucuses & Memorial Service on Thursday August 2nd  
 Elections & Banquet on Friday August 3rd



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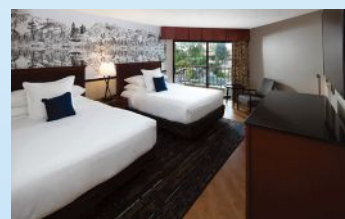
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**Room Rates include** complimentary parking, airport shuttle and access to Fitness Center — free wifi throughout the hotel.  
 Refrigerator & microwave in ALL rooms — ADA rooms are limited, please make your reservation early and reserve these.

**Deadline for Convention Room Rate: Tuesday June 26, 2018**

	Single/Double Occupancy	Triple Occupancy	Quad Occupancy
Room Rate	\$119.00	\$129.00	\$139.00
Occupancy Tax	\$14.28	\$15.48	\$16.68
Tourism Tax	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
	<b>\$135.28</b>	<b>\$146.48</b>	<b>\$157.68</b>



### Attractions and Interests

- Riverfront Park
- Centennial Trail
- Santé Restaurant & Charcuterie
- Clunkerdagger Restaurant
- The Blackbird Tavern + Kitchen
- Riverfront Park Square
- The Museum of Arts & Culture (MAC)

### Airport:

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**86TH MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART  
& 85TH MOPH AUXILIARY  
NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION  
July 30th - August 3rd, 2018  
Spokane, WA**



**LATE REGISTRATION**

MOPH: ☐

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MOPHA: ☐

PNC / PNP: ☐

Name:

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Department:

*(Current MOPH / MOPHA Title PLEASE)*

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Please Initial if this is your First Time Attending a National Convention:

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MOPHA ☐

Guest:

Badge Title:

DATE	SESSIONS	MOPH	MOPHA		QTY	TOTAL
June 27th Onwards	<b>LATE Registration Fee*</b> <i>*All members must pay registration fee to attend meetings and receive materials.</i>	\$75.00	\$75.00	X		
Monday July 30th	<b>First Time Attendee Luncheon</b> <i>No Charge - First Time MOPH Attendee ONLY!</i>	Free		X		
Tuesday July 31st	<b>National Commanders Breakfast</b> <i>No Charge - Current Department Commanders ONLY!</i>	Free		X		
	<b>Past National Commander / President Luncheon</b> <i>No Charge for PNC / PNP</i>	Free	Free	X		
	<i>Spouses and Guests ALL encouraged to attend - Pecan Crusted Chicken.....</i>	\$45.00	\$45.00	X		
	<i>New York Steak.....</i>	\$45.00	\$45.00	X		
	<i>Vegetarian Meal.....</i>	\$45.00	\$45.00	X		
Thursday August 2nd	<b>Auxiliary Tea</b> <i>(No Charge with Paid MOPHA Registration)</i>		Free	X		
	<i>Spouses and Guests Welcome with Paid Ticket - Auxiliary Tea.....</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00	X		
Friday August 3rd	<b>National Convention Banquet</b> <i>Cedar Plank Salmon.....</i>	\$60.00	\$60.00	X		
	<i>Mesquite Smoked &amp; Roasted Angus Prime Rib.....</i>	\$60.00	\$60.00	X		
	<i>Vegetarian Meal.....</i>	\$60.00	\$60.00	X		
<b>** Request for REFUNDS on any PAID Sessions Noted Above will not be Honored AFTER June 26th! **</b>					<b>Total:</b>	

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Rooms Must Be Reserved by June 26th, 2018 to receive the convention room rate.



# MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

## Golf Tournament Team Entry Form

Indian Canyon Golf Course, Spokane, WA

Wednesday, August 1, 2018



### Prizes:

**First Hole in One on #8:**

- One week golfing trip for two to Scotland
- 4 rounds of Golf included (approximate value \$11,000)

**Second Hole in One prize on #13:** – Prize to be determined later

**Other Prizes** include Longest Drive, Closest to Pin and others

**Fee:** \$125 Single Player  
\$500 Per Team of Four (4)

**NOTE:** Limited Number of Teams Available

**Please Select One:** Single Player / Company / Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Team Members: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Golf Club rentals are available at \$30.00 per set. Please indicate number of sets needed & add to check amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Check Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Military Order of the Purple Heart 86th National Convention MOPH Auxiliary 85th National Convention July 30–August 3, 2018



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## MOPH National Commander Testifies at Joint Veterans' Affairs Committee Hearing

By MOPH Public Relations

**O**N MARCH 14, NEIL VAN ESS, National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, testified before a joint hearing of the Senate and House Committees on Veterans' Affairs on the Order's priority legislative issues that need to be addressed in the upcoming session of Congress.

In his opening remarks, Commander Van Ess thanked the respective committee chairmen for their continuing efforts on behalf of America's veterans and the many accomplishments achieved during the previous legislative session. However, Commander Van Ess made clear that much remains to be done to support our military men and women who have served and those who continue to serve in harm's way. MOPH believes, without equivocation, that all veterans deserve the best healthcare available and the timely processing of claims for any benefits earned by their service.

Following his testimony to the Congress, Commander Van Ess, accompanied by Legislative Director Aleks Morosky, National Adjutant Jack Leonard and National Ser-

vice Director Angelo Wider, met with then-Secretary of Veterans Affairs David J. Shulkin in a private, one-on-one informal setting to discuss MOPH's priorities and concerns for the Department of Veteran Affairs.

On March 13, the day prior to his testimony, Commander Van Ess paid a visit to the National Military Medical Center, Walter Reed Hospital, in Bethesda, Md. Following a tour of the facilities, the Commander visited with SSG Charles Edwards, his mother Beth, and his brother



# Testimony Summary

**COMMUNITY CARE** MOPH strongly believes that VA has an obligation to provide high-quality medical care to every enrolled veteran. In cases where VA facilities cannot provide veterans with care that is both timely and geographically accessible, veterans must be given the option to receive care from community providers. While we believe that VA should remain the primary provider and coordinator of care, there will always be a need for a well-integrated community care program to serve as a supplement to VA direct services.

**INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYABILITY** MOPH strongly opposes any restriction to Individual Unemployability (IU). IU is a benefit that allows veterans whose service-connected disabilities are rated less than 100 percent to receive disability compensation at the 100 percent rate, if one or more of their disabilities prevent them from maintaining substantial gainful employment. Many veterans who rely on IU become disabled at a relatively young age, denying them the opportunity to make sufficient contributions to receive full Social Security benefits upon reaching retirement age. Stripping them of IU benefits would impose severe financial hardships for those veterans.

**CONCURRENT RECEIPT** Military retirees who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent, are still subject to an offset of their retired pay by an amount equal to their VA disability compensation. Veterans who were retired from service after less than 20 years due to a disability are subject to the offset, regardless of their disability ratings. While concurrent receipt of these two benefits is allowed for military retirees with disabilities rated at 50 percent or higher and more than 20 years of service, MOPH strongly believes that the time to extend full concurrent receipt to all military retirees is long overdue.

**SBP/DIC OFFSET** Surviving spouses who are eligible for both the DOD Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) also experience a dollar-for-dollar offset of their SBP payments. Under the SBP program, retirees make voluntary contributions of 6.5 percent of their retired pay, with the understanding that their dependents will continue to receive 55 percent of their retired pay when they die. DIC, on the other hand, is a VA benefit granted to surviving spouses of veterans who die due to a service-connected disability. MOPH sees absolutely no reason why an annuity that was bought and paid for by a veteran should be reduced, simply because they suffered the misfortune of dying of a service-related disability.

**DEATH GRATUITY** When a servicemember dies on active duty, his or her family is entitled to a tax-free payment of \$100,000, known as the death gratuity. Bereaved military families rely on this money to meet any financial hardships they may incur, immediately following the loss of their loved one. Unfortunately, these payments cannot be made during a government shutdown. MOPH strongly believes that no family entitled to this relatively modest benefit should ever have to experience a delay in payment, simply because Congress temporarily fails to perform its primary duty of funding the U.S. Government.

**POW/MIA ACCOUNTING** MOPH believes strongly that when the United States sends its sons and daughters into battle to defend our democracy, our freedoms, and our national Interests abroad, we owe it to our servicemembers and their families to also bring them home. If they are killed in action, become prisoners of war or are missing in action, our nation should spare no expense until we account for each and every one of them. MOPH is concerned that three consecutive Continuing Resolutions, which cap spending at FY2017 levels, continue to create adverse impacts to DPAA operations, causing it to either cancel or reduce their scope of their investigations and recoveries.

**PROTECTING THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL** MOPH recommends passage of the *Private Corrado Piccoli Purple Heart Preservation Act*, which would put an end to this objectionable practice of selling military-issued Purple Hearts on the secondary market at exorbitant prices, making it harder to reunite veterans and families with lost or stolen medals. Due to the morbid curiosity of some collectors, medals engraved with the names of those killed in action command the highest prices. By making it illegal to sell military-issued Purple Hearts, it would prevent merchants and collectors from profiteering from the sale of those medals, eliminating the market and making it easier to return them to their rightful owners. This bill would not prevent the sale of replacement or duplicate medals through authorized sellers.

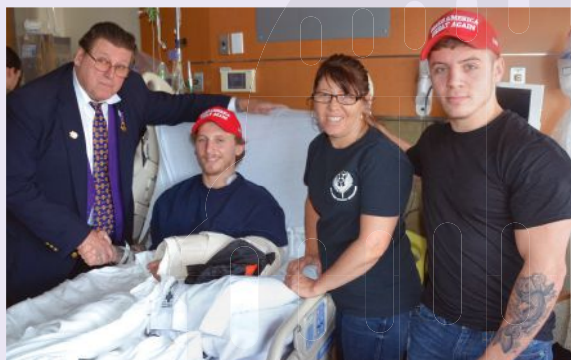
**NATIONAL PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR COMMEMORATIVE COIN** MOPH strongly supports H.R. 1683, the *National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act*, sponsored by Representative Sean Patrick Maloney. MOPH believes that the minting of a National Purple Heart Hall of Honor coin would represent a fitting tribute to Purple Heart recipients, not only by providing budget-neutral funding to an institution that preserves their memory, but also by creating a tangible item that will serve to remind the general public of their sacrifice to our nation.

*For the full text of the Commander's testimony, please view a copy of what was submitted to the Congress on the MOPH HQ website.*





MOPH delegation with awardees



Van Ess visits  
SSG Edwards  
and family



Navy Corpsman Statue  
at Bethesda



Wider, Leonard, Van Ess and Morosky meet with Shulkin

Alex. SSG Edwards, a USAF Air Policeman, is the sole Purple Heart recipient currently being treated for his wounds at the hospital. Van Ess presented Edwards with his Commander's Coin and a paid membership in the Order.

In the afternoon, Commander Van Ess, accompanied by Legislative Director Aleks Morosky, Service Director Angelo Wider, and National Adjutant Jack Leonard, met with Tennessee Congressman Phil Roe, to present him with the 2018 MOPH National Inspirational Leadership Award for his dedicated support to the Nation's Veterans as the Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. As a champion of the military, veterans and their families throughout his Congressional service, Congressman Roe has dedicated himself to ensuring that our nation's military personnel and veterans continue to receive the compensation and services they deserve and have earned for their service and sacrifice.

Commander Van Ess also honored Kelsey Baron, a staff member on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with the Exemplary Service Award. In her current position on the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Baron advises the full committee and subcommittee chairmen, as well as committee members, on legislative and oversight initiatives and policy matters. As a Congressional Legislative Assistant who best demonstrates exemplary service to our nation's veterans, she assists in the drafting of legislation that has improved the lives of the nation's veterans and their families. ✧

Such sacrifice  
through valor made,

A debt too deep  
to be repaid,

From their courage  
freedom born,

To remember them  
the poppy worn.







## MOPH Salutes the National Service Officers' Dedication to Veterans

by MOPH Public Relations

**I**N MARCH, A LARGE GROUP of National Service Officers (NSOs), all employees of the Military Order of the Purple Heart National Service Program (NSP), gathered in Orlando, Fla., to undergo a comprehensive annual training program. Led by National Service Director Angelo Wider, the National Service Program is the focus of MOPH's mission to assist all veterans and their families with their claims for earned benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Accredited by the VA, these NSOs receive training in all aspects of veterans' benefits, keeping abreast of changes in VA regulations, policies, procedures and entitlements. They learn the extent, the meaning and the application of laws that have been passed by the U.S. Congress in the interests of veterans and their dependents. They also learn the rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Veterans Affairs to clarify and implement those laws. The National Service Officer will apply his/her specialized knowledge in the best way suited to the needs of every individual veteran or other beneficiary who comes to him/her for assistance. For some, this was his/her first step in becoming an NSO; for the more experienced NSOs, it was an opportunity to learn about changes made to VA regulations and procedures during the past year. In each case, the NSOs share a common purpose, to counsel and assist all veterans, their families and survivors in matters concerning education, disability compensation, employment, hospitalization, rehabilita-

tion, home loans, insurance, pension and other benefits.

In addition to the professional NSO, training is also available to Department and Chapter Service Officers who are then able to advise and assist other Patriots in their respective departments and chapters that may be seeking an increase in compensation for a service-connected injury. Two such Patriots that attended the training this year were National Commander Neil Van Ess and Junior Vice Commander Felix Garcia. In the case of Van Ess, he first received NSO training in 2005, and has assisted countless veterans with their claims over the years since.

A highlight of the week was the recognition of a number of NSOs for their dedication and professionalism. In particular, Daniel Kuhn was named as National Service Officer of the Year for 2017. Runners-up included Wanda Baier Bordeaux, Kimberly Ramsey and Michael Labelle, each of whom was selected as "NSO of the Year" for their respective region. Other awardees included



Melissa Logsdon-Young, who received a distinguished service award for her work as Chair of the Committee that oversaw implementation of the switch from the Verification Case Management System (VCMS) to Vetraspec, a new internet-based management system. Other Committee members included Edward Rausch, Theresa Neibacher, Brian Olson, Michael Labelle, Michelle Edwards-Baxter and Crystal Newbold. Distinguished Service Awards were also presented to members of the Training Committee responsible for organizing and presenting this year's training program: Nelson Vasquez, Troy Westphal, Kimberly Ramsey, and Lloyd Coffman.

During the closing ceremony, National Commander Van Ess took the stage to address the NSOs and other guests. In his heartfelt remarks, he praised the attendees for their remarkable dedication and assistance to veterans and their families. He noted that most VA Medical Centers not only recognize the professionalism of the MOPH NSOs, but often recommend their services over other NSOs to their veteran patients. ✧



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

## 803 Chapter/Unit of Mississippi MOPH/MOPHA

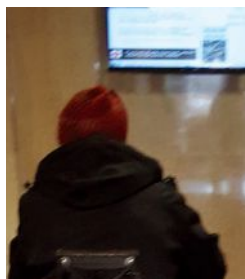


WELCOMING HOME Vietnam Veterans March 24, 2018, Meridian, Mississippi

First row (L-R): Aux. Vanessa Duett, Linda Kirkwood, Betty Ross, Emmie Booth, Joyce Campbell.

Back row (L-R): Patriots Steve Campbell, Truitt Breazeale, Benny Duett, Tom Ross.

MEMBER AND PNP Terri Shattuck, of Unit 1985, Gaylord, Mich., and a longtime friend, Nel Dawson, hooked 120 hats and handed them out to veterans at the Saginaw VA Clinic. Also pictured are warm and happy veterans.



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DUANE TUNNYHILL, lifetime member of Chapter 260, Omaha-Western Iowa, was recently honored and awarded a "Quilt of Valor" for his U.S. Marine Corps service during WWII. The very nice ceremony began with the Presentation of Colors. Flanking Duane in the photo are fellow Chapter 260 Patriots, Chaplain Don Kemper, WWII, and Adjutant Terry Minarik, Vietnam.



## South Carolina Is on the Move



THE COMET (Central Midlands Transit) announced that its newly designed Purple Heart bus is ready for service in recognition of the contributions Purple Heart veterans have made to our nation. The COMET first introduced a bus wrap to commemorate veteran recipients of the Purple Heart Medal living in the Midlands.



Command Sergeant Major (Ret.) Charles Cook, Commander of Chapter #402 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, coordinated members of this chapter who live within the Midlands to be photographed at the COMET's offices. A total of 18 members have now been photographed.

The bus travels different routes across Columbia, S.C., for more exposure to the community. This is truly a Bus of Honor.



# REUNIONS

## USS IWO JIMA (LPH2/LHD7) SHIPMATES

For all Ships Company and Embarked Navy and Marine Corps personnel who were on board the LPH2 or LHD7

October 10-13, 2018

Doubletree Hotel Jacksonville Riverfront  
Jacksonville, FL

Contact: Robert G. McNally, 152 Frissell St.,  
Hampton, VA 23663; (757) 723-0317

yujack46709@gmail.com

<http://ussiwijomashipmates.cfns.net/>

## 2ND BATTALION, 3RD MARINES, 3RD MARINE DIVISION VIET NAM VETERANS REUNION

September 26-29, 2018

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Contact: Art Ferguson, (623) 780-1819

clydesdadfergy@aol.com

## 4TH BN 9TH INF REG

September 13-16, 2018

New Orleans, LA

Contact: Bob Lannon, (317) 745-4287

bob199@hotmail.com

## ARMY, 1ST SIGNAL BRIGADE (VIETNAM & KOREA)

September 5-9, 2018

Menger Hotel, San Antonio, TX

Contact: John Keenan (913) 633-2639

cw4keenana@gmail.com

## VMA/VMF-311 REUNION

August 22-26, 2018

Chattanooga, TN

Holiday Inn and Suites Downtown

Contact: Jim Galchick, (330) 337-9383

jgalchick@neo.rr.com

vmfvma311reunion.org

## 3RD MARINES 3RD RECON BATTALION

September 25-30, 2018

San Antonio, TX

Contact: Gene Haux, (520) 631-4922

ghtsn01@yahoo.com

or Bob Hoover (843) 302-2151

## 249TH ENGINEER BATTALION ASS. REUNION

September 13-16, 2018

New Orleans, LA

All veterans that have served or are still serving in the 249th and their families are invited to attend

Contact: Gerald McCarthy, (401) 284-0933

geraldmccarthy@gmail.com or Robin Wandell,

(660) 815-1166, firewoodfriends@hotmail.com

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## John Brown University Honors Vietnam Veterans

ON FEB. 6 Patriot Derl Horn, VAVSO, DEPT of ARK/Chaplain, Chapter 460, was invited by John Brown University to participate in a Q&A panel to share his experience as a

young U.S. Marine in Vietnam. The event was sponsored by the JBU History Department to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Tet



Offensive. Preston Jones, Professor of History, served as the moderator. John Brown University is located in Si-loam Springs, Ark.

During the session, Patriot Horn, author of the book *Blood, Sweat, and Honor*, shared that while it took him a while to open up, sharing his experience has helped him heal. "For 35 years I didn't want to talk about it, like most veterans. But finally, a little counseling and writing a book helped me."



Patriot Horn said it was nice to have people want to hear his story, and it's still a jolt when people thank him for his service, instead of resenting his service in the controversial war.



CHAPTER 392 San Gabriel Valley, Calif., set up a booth at the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day event in Whittier, Calif. Pictured is Patriot Frank Aragon. Also in attendance were Patriots: Daniel Calderon, Tony Hernandez, Santiago Rios and Commader Eddie Morin.



# The Department of Arkansas Establishes an Emergency Welfare Grant Program

by Patriot Chuck Adkins  
Commander MOPH Dept. of Arkansas

IN NOVEMBER 2017, the Department of Arkansas established an Emergency Welfare Grant Program for the assistance of needy members or veterans and their dependents. The need for the program came as a result of the department discovering it had a Patriot who had recently become homeless and was living out of his vehicle. Having tried reaching out to other veterans organizations, local government and civic organizations without success, the Patriot contacted Patriot Chuck Adkins, Commander, Department of Arkansas, who had recruited him into the Military Order of the Purple Heart to see if MOPH could help.

After listening to what the Patriot had to say about his current situation and the desperation in his voice, Patriot Adkins quickly set things into motion. He contacted the Veterans Affairs Police at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (North Little Rock, Ark.), Patriot Richard Maxwell, Commander, Chapter 431 (Little Rock), as that is the chapter to which the Patriot belongs, Patriot Mark Diggs, Department Senior Vice Commander, Mikel Brooks, Director, "We Are the 22" Foundation (an organization that works with stressed, homeless and/or suicidal veterans), and former Congressman Mike Ross, Director, Veterans Villages of America (and Patriot Diggs' boss). Within two hours, not only did the group determine the individual was not a threat to himself, but had arranged temporary lodging, until a permanent place to live could be found.

The next morning as Patriots Adkins and Diggs reviewed the successful outcome of the situation; they discussed what more the department should be able to do. The answer was found in the MOPH Bylaws, Article XV: To Preserve the Integrity of the Corporation, Section 3: Welfare Funds, and an idea was born.

Patriot Adkins, with the assistance of Patriots Walter Kroptavich, DEPT Adjutant/Judge Advocate, and Carder Ferguson, DEPT Finance Officer, drafted a resolution containing an application form with a disclaimer and the procedures to be used to determine eligibility. The resolution was put to a vote to the Department Executive Committee and passed. The Patriot was awarded a grant, which assisted him in gaining a permanent place to live just in

time for Christmas. Since then three other grants have been awarded; two to veterans whose houses caught fire resulting in the homes being uninhabitable and one to a veteran whose family was discovered living in their van.

As the Department of Arkansas is a member of the Northwest Arkansas Veterans Coalition, the River Valley Veterans Coalition and the Central Arkansas Veterans Coalition, word spread about how the department was able to provide quick support to these veterans in need. This has led to two other veterans organizations in the state requesting to use the department's application, disclaimer, and procedures to begin similar programs within their organizations.

The use of the Emergency Welfare Grant shall be used for the following types of situations:

- (1) Assistance to a homeless Patriot, non-member Purple Heart recipient, or veteran or prevention of homelessness with presentation of proof (i.e. eviction notice or new lease documents provided by a landlord).
- (2) Emergency medical situations validated by proof of treatment (i.e., hospital emergency room bill/statement) for the Patriot, non-member Purple Heart recipient, veteran or an immediate family member (spouse or minor children living in the home).
- (3) Recovery assistance from Acts of God (i.e., tornado, flood or earthquake) or accidental fire leaving the individual, and/or family, temporarily homeless.
- (4) Assist with funeral expenses of the Patriot, non-member Purple Heart recipient, veteran or an immediate family member (spouse or minor children living in the home).
- (5) Types of validated/well-documented emergencies, needs or unusual circumstances not described above and approved by a 2/3 majority of the Department Executive Committee vote.

The Emergency Welfare Grant shall not be used in support of a business owned and/or operated by the Patriot, non-member Purple Heart recipient or veteran.

While all veterans may qualify for an Emergency Welfare Grant, the Department of Arkansas priority is as follows: (1) MOPH Patriot, (2) Purple Heart recipient, and (3) veteran (if a non-MOPH Patriot but Purple Heart recipient provides application and encourage membership.) Once the grant is approved, the Department Commander shall notify the Department Finance Officer to issue funds to the Chapter Commander for issuing the grant to the

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applicant. Chapters have the option to award the grant from their own chapter funds to speed the process of support to the veteran upon approval of the Department Commander, and then seek reimbursement from the department using the Warrant Process. No funds will be issued for utilities, rent or any other living expenses provided through a business without an invoice, receipt, estimate or other appropriate documentation to document the expense. Prior to the veteran receiving the funds, he or she shall sign the appropriate acknowledgement of receipt, which shall be returned to the Department Finance Officer for audit purposes.

The Emergency Welfare Grant is to be used solely for the purpose of the welfare of the grantee veteran and immediate family members, if any. The Military Order of the Purple Heart, USA, the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation and the Department of Arkansas shall not be held or become liable for any legal obligations or unpaid debts incurred by the grantee veteran in using this program.

The Department of Arkansas is willing to share its application for, disclaimer and procedures with departments or chapters who are interested in creating their own Emergency Welfare Grant Program. Contact Patriot Chuck Adkins at [charles.w.adkins.jr@aol.com](mailto:charles.w.adkins.jr@aol.com) or Patriot Walter Kroptavich at [walterkmailbox@gmail.com](mailto:walterkmailbox@gmail.com).

UNIT 1985 MEMBER Kandus Schalter has been honored as the 2018 Woman Making History by the American Association of University Women, Gaylord Area Branch. It is such an honor to be recognized as the Woman of the Year in a National Women's History Month observance that has honored such women as Mother Teresa, Marie Curie and Anne Frank.



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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, add \$8.00 per order**

With your order, include the following when ordering:  
(Please print clearly)

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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 DD214 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 CVW #(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 DD214 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.

☐ DD214 ☐ DD215 ☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Associate Member

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

Documentation of relationship and proof of Purple Heart award required.

Name of Purple Heart Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Member# & Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter# \_\_\_\_\_

*I acknowledge the relationship and consent for associate membership (if applicable)*

**Purple Heart documentation** ☐ DD214 ☐ DD215 ☐ 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 6/15/17)



# MOPH AMERICANISM & RECRUITING MATERIALS

Price List as of March 1, 2018



No.	Item ID	Quantity per Pack	Item Name	Item Description	Sale Price Per Unit
1	A1000	100 to a pack	<b>FOLDS OF THE FLAG BOOKMARKER</b>	A beautiful 2" x 8" double sided bookmark featuring the Pledge of Allegiance on the front, and the Folds of the American Flag on the reverse.	\$10.00
2	A1001	100 to a pack	<b>2018-2019 CALENDAR BOOKMARKER</b>	A beautiful 2" x 8" bookmark with 2018/2019 calendar years on one side, and the Purple Heart on the reverse.	\$10.00
3	A1003	50 to a pack	<b>HISTORY OF THE PURPLE HEART BOOKMARKER</b>	This 2" x 7" bookmark provides great detail about the History of the Purple Heart Medal, as well as current MOPH information.	\$10.00
4	A1002	100 to a pack	<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE POCKET CARD</b>	This pocket sized 2" x 3" card is adorned with the Purple Heart on the front and the Pledge of Allegiance on the reverse.	\$5.00
5	A1004	100 to a pack	<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM POCKET CARD</b>	Featuring a short bio on Francis Scott Key on one side, and the lyrics of The Star Spangled Banner on the reverse. This 3" x 4" card is a great giveaway for events and fundraisers.	\$5.00
6	A1005	25 to a pack	<b>OLD GLORY BOOKLET BOOKLET</b>	The Old Glory Booklet is a beautiful and informative publication. It is our most popular Americanism item. This 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" booklet covers detailed flag history.	\$10.00
7	R2001	25 to a pack	<b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS</b>	Standard application (8.5 x 11 inches) for MOPH Life or Associate Members.	\$8.00
8	R2002	25 to a pack	<b>WINDSHIELD RECRUITING CARDS</b>	Printed on heavy-duty paper with the Purple Heart & MOPH logo, with space to attach a business card; it fits nicely under a car's windshield wiper. Use as an invite to join The Military Order of the Purple Heart.	\$10.00
9	R2003	10 to a pack	<b>PRIDE / JOIN NOW POSTERS</b>	The Pride/Join Now Poster (8.5 x 11 inches) is an attractive, high-gloss poster, strong color with good information for would-be members.	\$10.00
10	R2004	15 to a pack	<b>JOIN NOW TRI-FOLD APPLICATIONS</b>	Tri-fold MOPH Recruiting "Join Now" Application. Contains detachable membership application, as well as facts about the Order.	\$10.00

## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

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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

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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.

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

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



# **MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AUXILIARY SUPPLY LIST 2017-2018**

## **CURRENT ITEMS AVAILABLE**

101	MOPHA LOGO PIN 1 or 2 pins \$6.00 each, 3 or more pins \$5.00 each per order	
204	PATCH – Life Member, embroidered ¾ x 3 inch	\$ 3.00
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405	DIRECTORY 2017–18	\$ 5.00
406	CONVENTION MINUTES on Disc	\$ 5.00
407	MEMBERSHIP CARD REPLACEMENT (Contact Membership Officer)	\$ 5.00
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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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## Praise Someone

**W**HO IS WORTHY of our praise? Who is there for us when we need them most? Our family is worthy of praise because they are there when our need is greatest. We are born into a family that is rooted in its own history, ethnicity and circumstances. Those who give us life or adopted us as their own; those who take care of us, kiss our skinned knees, bandage our cuts, pick us up, play with us, nourish, nurture, educate, admonish, hold us close, wipe away our tears, tickle and make us laugh should be high on our list for praise.

Next deserving of praise is our neighbors. Of our neighbors, the Good Book states that we should: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself." "Community" is how we learn to connect with others; community gives us the tools to relate to the world outside of our families. Cultural variations ascribe various names to the community: some call it a tribe, a clan or a village. But, no matter the structure or label, a community that supports, nourishes and bolsters the family plays a vital role in our individual and collective happiness, success, and survival.

Finally, those worthy of our praise are the veterans who fought on the battlefields, engaged in the protection of our freedom. America is a sovereign nation; it is a place where people from around the world come to better themselves. America began out of an unquenchable desire to be free. Our country fought a horrible Civil War to preserve the United States and to give freedom to slaves and over the course of its history, the United States of America has done more to liberate the downtrodden than all other nations in the history of the world...combined. But, it did not do that by simple proclamation or writ, it did it with the sweat, sacrifice, tears and blood of millions of Americans, hundreds of thousands of whom gave their lives so

that we could be free. Let us never forget the sacrifices made by those whose lives were lost for the freedoms we hold dear. Whether our veterans survived their military service or died on the field of battle, Americans owe each of them and their families an enormous debt of gratitude.

Expressing gratitude is an honest compliment that elevates both the receiver and giver. When we measure what's important, the calculation is clear. Those in our lives who love us, help us and inspire us to be better are our most valued assets. It's vitally important to praise others whose dedication preserves and improves our quality of life, America's veterans.

None of us are, nor can be, truly independent. We are inter-dependent, across all age categories and throughout all stages of life. To the extent that we use diversity of race, color, creed or gender to unite us, we are strengthened individually and collectively in our humanity for our common benefit. We've all heard the words from Aesop's fables, "United we stand, divided, we fall." What was true thousands of years ago remains true today. Let us be an example of unity of dedication to the common objective of taking care of America's veterans, and of letting the world see that we are diverse, united and strong. We achieve our best when we take every opportunity to connect in a positive way with others, when we build them up...when we praise them.\*



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## That's a Great Idea! Tips for Motivating our Members

**H**OW MANY TIMES have you been hesitant to offer a suggestion or to propose a new idea because of fear of rejection? Our leaders and members come from a variety of backgrounds and capabilities. It is important that we listen to each other to truly benefit from the wealth of knowledge and experience within the MOPHA. Acknowledging suggestions and ideas from members will go a long way toward motivating members.

I believe that communication is critical to making MOPHA a stronger, more effective organization. Most members now have access to one of the many social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. As an organization, let's commit to take full advantage of these platforms in order to share suggestions, new ideas, information and resources. In addition, we have a new website that allows us to quickly update information to share with our members. [www.mophhq.org/auxiliary-home.html](http://www.mophhq.org/auxiliary-home.html)

Unit and department leaders, remember to show your appreciation for our members and to listen to their suggestions! Publicly acknowledge their contributions and

thank them! Ask members to do at least one thing during the year (work on a committee, visit the sick, help with the phone tree, attend a special event). Even if they are unable to do so, everyone appreciates being asked and included. If your unit or department has a website, share photos of your hardworking members. Submit articles to the Auxiliary Newsletter and the *Purple Heart Magazine*.

We all joined the MOPHA for the same reason: to support our Patriot. Let's regularly communicate with each other. Let's involve everyone, and consider ideas from within the vast resources of our organization! We all want to serve our veterans in any way we can! ✱

### RESOURCE OF THE MONTH: PsychArmor Institute

PSYCHARMOR INSTITUTE IS A NONPROFIT that provides *free education* and support for all Americans to engage effectively with the military community. There are a number of free courses on their website. These include courses for volunteers and nonprofits who support veterans, and courses for military veteran caregivers and families. There are other courses specifically for employers and educators. If you are not familiar with PsychArmor, please take advantage of the free courses. Their website is: <https://psycharmor.org>



## Let's Put 'Memorial' Back in Memorial Day

**O**N APRIL 25, 1866, a group of women in Columbus, Miss., decorated the Confederate graves of soldiers lost in the Battle of Shiloh. Seeing the bare graves of Union soldiers, they decorated those also.

On May 5, 1866, citizens of Waterloo, N.Y., first celebrated a "decoration day." They made it an annual event as businesses closed and residents decorated soldiers' graves with flowers and flags. Over the years, many cities have claimed to be the first celebrating Decoration Day.

Also, in 1866, GAR General John Logan proclaimed May 30 as a day to honor those who died "in defense of their country during the late rebellion." That year, General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery and 5,000 people helped decorate over 20,000 Union and Confederate graves.

For many of us who grew up celebrating Decoration Day on May 30, no matter what day of the week it fell on, it was a day of honor and reflection and a part of the ritual was going to the cemetery. Families would gather and say a prayer over deceased relatives, decorate their graves and plant flowers. If it was a veteran, an American flag would be added to the grave.

But changes happen and in 1971, Congress declared Decoration Day would be called Memorial Day and occur on the last Monday of May. It was called "a more convenient day."

No matter what we call it—Decoration Day, Memorial Day—it seems to have lost its original intent in

favor of a long weekend for camping, traveling, cook-outs and picnics. Many cities no longer have parades (but I am proud my city still does), many cemeteries go undecorated and way too many have forgotten what it really means. The minority of us who have served our country or are family of those who have served will never forget. Veterans organizations are at the forefront of not wanting this day forgotten and have asked our federal representatives to move Memorial Day back to May 30, but the bills have been "forgotten" in committee since 1999.

Fortunately, Congress did enact a resolution, the National Moment of Remembrance Act, in December 2000 for a voluntary moment of silence at 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day, at which time "Taps" is to be played. Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states, "It's a way we can all help put 'Memorial' back in Memorial Day."

Unfortunately, many people won't even give the day a second thought. So many people have forgotten the reason for Memorial Day: it's to honor those killed in military conflicts, defending this great country.

Won't you help put "Memorial" back in Memorial Day please? ✧

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." —Colossians 3:17*



### CHANGES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

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## Region V Report: Strong, Passionate and Dedicated

**A** SIMPLE THANK YOU does not seem to be quite enough to express to Region V Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary for their dedication, their commitment to veterans and their families when it comes to serving one another.

Region V states are unique in locations often affected by severe weather. I am very appreciative of how united and supportive the MOPHA Foundation, headquarters, Patriots and auxiliaries throughout the nation were and always have been during times of crisis. I am told that those who were affected have remained resilient and moving forward the best they can.

Region V MOPHA is passionate and dedicated to working side by side with our Patriots. Their vigor and diligence to serve are impressive year in and year out. The list of the activities in Region V is mind-boggling, such as putting on patriotic programs in schools, visiting ailing veterans, serving meals and providing transportation to Patriots in need of assistance.

An Oklahoma unit has in the works a ramp being built for a homebound veteran.

The Department of Colorado instituted a signature commemorative coin that reflects the appreciation of service to all branches of service. The coin is distributed to the new National Purple Heart Schools as well as a restaurant that offers itself as a Purple Heart Restaurant.

Texas has a bank that considers itself as a Purple Heart Bank.

An Arkansas unit hosts a Veterans Day benefit concert.

A Louisiana Auxiliary Unit attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication of the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park (which used to be the Old Arsenal Museum of Baton Rouge). Another Louisiana unit co-hosted events at the Superdome and Mahalia Jackson

Center in "Nawlins." These are just to name a few of accomplishments—the list is long. Many participated in parades or other patriotic programs throughout their hometowns, honoring veterans and their families. But please know that they don't wait for a holiday or special occasion to let their light shine. Every day is a day of service and honor to a veteran. I call them extraordinary people doing extraordinary things (sometimes) even with just a smile.

While you continue to make a difference, remember each and every one of you is important to our organization, our team, and you are appreciated. It is written that "to whom much is given much is required," and Region V MOPHA has exceeded expectations! It has been a blessing and pleasure serving with you. I thank you and our national officers for your service and precious memories. I compliment you for being so proactive in your commitment and success this past year. I encourage you to stay connected, stay communicative, stay committed, stay beautiful and outshine yourselves as the MOPHA ambassadors—purposely, gracefully and in love! ✧



COLORADO: Jan Huffman, Lynn Goldstone, Judy McLaughlin and Barbara Hale-Ray



PATRIOTS HONORING Ladies for VA Volunteer and #1 National History Book



COLORADO PH School coin (L), Colorado Veteran Coin of Appreciation (R)

## REGION V EVENTS



UNIT 177 State Park Dedication



2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION, Region V Department/ Unit Presidents/Delegate Doris Williams, Dept. of Texas; Cheryl Rock, Dept. of LA; Barbara Hale-Ray, Dept. of CO; Gwendolyn Gilliard, Region V President; Sonya Lawbaugh, Delegate AK. They were presented a certificate and wooden replica of the state they represent. Doris is holding OK's as well.

## MOPHA In Memoriam



Reported Feb. 1 – March 31, 2018\*

Name	DEPT	Unit	Deceased
Florence FLEETWOOD, Omaha <i>Florence joined LAMOPH on 1 February 1948; Member #495</i>	NE	260	27 December 2017
Doris HOFFMAN, Eatonon,	GA	425	7 February 2018
Mary JOHNSON, Gaylord	MI	1985	11 February 2018
Patricia KOCOS, Fond du Lac	WI	162	22 February 2018
Eleanora PETERSON, Milwaukee	WI	162	28 October 2017

Name	DEPT	Unit	Deceased
Earline ROSE, Coos Bay	OR	305	3 February 2018
Helen SHELTON, Omaha	NE	260	14 March 2018
Patricia SMITH, Salesville	OH	625	19 January 2018
Constance WILLI, Green Island	NY	17	23 October 2015

*"Be still and know that I am God."—Psalm 46:10*

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



## DIANE PETRINI

CANDIDATE FOR **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

I AM RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary and ask for your support. I am passionate about promoting the mission of our organization to care and support our patriots.



The name change to MOPHA will allow our organization to grow! *All* family members of veterans are now eligible to join. We have an awesome opportunity to meet the needs of our members by becoming more family-oriented. My goals include reaching out to our post-9/11 veteran families as well as starting a program for our junior members. MOPHA serves and helps our veterans, while working side by side with our members to increase communication and transparency. It is important to me that we share information and resources!

At MOPHA, I have served as the National SVP and JVP, Region VI President, Department of California President, and President of Unit 49 San Diego.

In addition, I have the honor of being a 2017-2018 Elizabeth Dole Fellow. Dole Caregiver Fellows are selected by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation to serve as advisors, spokespeople and knowledgeable sounding board for leaders and organizations forming caregiver programs. We represent and advocate on behalf of our peers with our nation's highest leaders in public, private and nonprofit sectors. Dole Caregiver Fellows are proud to advocate for the 5.5 million men and women who care for our wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans.

On a professional level, I retired in 2013 after 23 years as president of a certified woman-owned business that handled assets and foreclosures for banks, government institutions and individuals on a nationwide basis. During my career, I attained the professional certifications of Certified Property Manager (CPM) and Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM). I am also a past president of the San Diego Chapter of Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM).

Personally, I have been married to Patriot Joseph Petrini for over 46 years. I have two children, Brian and Laura, and one grandchild, Torin. My hobbies include travel, reading and spending time with family.

Would you kindly consider me for this position during our next election? ✧

## CHERYL PEREZ

CANDIDATE FOR **AUXILIARY SR. VICE PRESIDENT**

HAVING SERVED AS the Auxiliary's Junior Vice President this year, I am announcing my candidacy in the upcoming National election for MOPHA Senior Vice President. It has been an insightful year of learning more about the ins and outs of the daily workings of the Auxiliary. I look forward to continuing as part of the national leadership team during this exciting time of change, new ideas and opportunities our name change brings.



If elected as your Senior Vice President, who also serves as the Membership Chair, I will be committed to working with the National President, Junior Vice President and national officers in identifying ways to support and communicate with our members, units, departments and regions to help strengthen and increase membership in the Auxiliary.

I have been a member of the Auxiliary since 2004 and have held unit offices since joining, served as the National VAVS Representative for three years, Region VI President, and on the Bylaws Revision Committee. I have been dedicated to bringing community awareness of the Auxiliary and our mission. I am the surviving spouse of Sgt. Luciano Perez, who was a member of San Diego Chapter 49, and my two children have grown up being active members with Chapter and Unit 49.

It has been an honor serving veterans and their families through the Auxiliary, and I appreciate your support to continue serving as part of the Auxiliary leadership team as your National Senior Vice President. ✧

## AMANDA FLENER

CANDIDATE FOR **AUXILIARY JR. VICE PRESIDENT**

**A**FTER MUCH CONSIDERATION, I am announcing my candidacy for National Junior Vice President of the MOPHA. I have been honored



to serve as Region IV President for the last three years and have served in the Department of Georgia and Unit 1000. From organizing Unit 1000 to my time as Region President, I have had the privilege of getting to know many of our members

Besides my leadership within our Auxiliary, I served the last two years as the Elizabeth Dole Foundation Fellow for Georgia, advocating for increased support of caregivers locally and on Capitol Hill. Additionally, I work for a national nonprofit providing support to military veteran caregivers and co-host a talk radio program. This experience along with a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology and prior ownership and management of two businesses, has given me tools to serve successfully as your Junior Vice President.

If elected, my top objective would be to create a positive and encouraging atmosphere of communication and instruction to our region presidents, department presidents and unit members. We need a solid plan for regular and consistent communication. We must put tools in the hands of region presidents so they can adequately help equip departments and units to stay informed, up to date, and succeed as they disseminate valuable information to our members.

We must look for opportunities to grow and expand awareness of our organization in our communities, departments and beyond so we remain a viable and thriving Auxiliary.

Additionally, I would work with our leadership to set goals and long-term plans in place to continue such communication and learning to facilitate a positive atmosphere where our members can easily access needed tools and support. ✧

## CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

As we say in silent prayer

A condolence message that shall be heard everywhere

For as we are in meditation

We honor our love ones' who rest in peace

They gave their lives for our preservation

So our freedom wouldn't cease

For the battle they fought

Was much more than a lot

For the bloody battle they won

And many of us did lose a son

And also some very dear one

But deep in our heart is pain

We all do know it shall always remain

So on this Memorial Day comes sorrow

May the Lord make it a brighter tomorrow

And we all ask God to always bless them

They were strong and brave to the end

The sacrifice they gave

Made America sound and safe

By Seymour Berger

# Taps

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AR-5	0708-AR-5	Samuel D Bray	AR	W2
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CA-6	0385-CA-6	Edward Kutylowski	NV	W2
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CO-5	1041-CO-5	Raymond P Alvarado	AR	W2
CO-5	1041-CO-5	Robert A Tydingco	AR	VN
DE-1	1787-DE-1	Elijah Weathersby, Jr	AR	VN
DE-1	9377-DE-1	Alonzo W Cavins	AR	KR
FL-4	0071-FL-4	Arthur J Brooks	MC	VN
FL-4	0453-FL-4	George M Bell, Sr	AR	W2
FL-4	0524-FL-4	Delbert L Jordan	AR	KR
FL-4	0601-FL-4	Russell W Holdych	AR	W2
FL-4	0696-FL-4	Joseph D Cunningham	MC	VN
FL-4	0717-FL-4	Charles Winn	AR	KR
FL-4	0759-FL-4	Gerald J News	AR	VN
FL-4	0776-FL-4	Francis C Dancsecs	AR	VN
FL-4	0776-FL-4	Walker R Modlin	AF	VN
FL-4	DML-FL-4	Robert Charles Guthrie	AR	VN
XX-7	NML-XX-7	John W McKee	MC	KR
GA-4	0425-GA-4	Samuel B Hardy	AR	W2
GA-4	0425-GA-4	James F Hession	AR	KR
GA-4	0425-GA-4	Ron L Hoffman	AR	VN
GA-4	0425-GA-4	Donald L McLeod	AR	KR
GA-4	0425-GA-4	Edward G Pinkett	AR	KR
GA-4	0425-GA-4	Miguel A Seise	AR	VN
GA-4	0425-GA-4	Herbert L Smith	AR	KR
GA-4	0465-GA-4	William J Stockell	AR	VN
IL-2	0138-IL-2	Irvin M Schechter	AR	W2
IL-2	0575-IL-2	Edward D Ripani	AR	W2
IN-2	0720-IN-2	Roy E Stewart	AR	W2
KY-2	0146-KY-2	Charles E Gasik	AR	VN
KY-2	0591-KY-2	Clifford Lee Burdette	MC	W2
KY-2	0591-KY-2	Jack E Wooten	AR	KR
KY-2	0767-KY-2	Raymond L Fugate	AR	KR
LA-5	0741-LA-5	Charles F Triana	AR	W2
MD-1	0122-MD-1	Edward G Hart, Jr	AR	W2
MD-1	0122-MD-1	Wayne D May	AR	VN
MD-1	2222-MD-1	John C Hoffman	AR	W2
MI-2	0110-MI-2	James H Libbey	MC	VN
MI-2	0127-MI-2	Patrick G Pehrson	AR	VN
MI-2	0514-MI-2	Clarence E Millikin	AR	KR
MI-2	1818-MI-2	Harvey K Huff	NV	W2
MI-2	1985-MI-2	James E Bordner	AR	KR
MN-2	0005-MN-2	William F Foley	AR	KR
MN-2	0005-MN-2	Raymond A Hansen	NV	W2
MN-2	0005-MN-2	Stanley M Kroski	MC	KR
MN-2	0005-MN-2	J T Riley	AR	VN
MN-2	0005-MN-2	John F Schaefer	AR	W2
MN-2	0005-MN-2	Jay L Sutton	MC	VN
MN-2	0005-MN-2	Ronald Urban	AR	KR
MN-2	0005-MN-2	Simon C Velasquez	AF	W2
MN-2	0008-MN-2	John N Dempsey	NV	W2
MN-2	0008-MN-2	Burton Johnson	MC	W2
MN-2	0008-MN-2	Michael R Pauling	MC	VN
MN-2	0056-MN-2	Norman H Amborn	AR	KR

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MN-2	0056-MN-2	Roderic J Campbell	AR	W2
MN-2	0056-MN-2	Joe Podvin	MC	KR
MN-2	0056-MN-2	Henry Joseph Tillman, Sr	AR	W2
MN-2	0194-MN-2	Eugene Butch Nugent	AR	VN
MN-2	0194-MN-2	Richard A Tarte	AR	W2
MN-2	0268-MN-2	Charles W Ferguson	AR	KR
MN-2	0268-MN-2	John L Fesler	AR	W2
MN-2	0268-MN-2	Kermit T Piltingsrud	AR	W2
MN-2	0268-MN-2	Lawrence F Ryle	MC	W2
MN-2	0308-MN-2	Dennis H Lippitt	MC	VN
MN-2	0308-MN-2	Darold E Mills	AR	KR
MN-2	0745-MN-2	Robert L Mcdougall, Jr	AR	VN
MN-2	0745-MN-2	Robert D Scheff	AR	KR
MN-2	0745-MN-2	James Tougas	AR	VN
MN-2	0745-MN-2	Carl A Villwock	AR	W2
MN-2	0807-MN-2	Alvin M Paulson	AR	W2
MN-2	0807-MN-2	Harold W Torgerson	AR	KR
MN-2	0807-MN-2	Paul S White	AR	VN
MN-2	1977-MN-2	Daniel T Gaworecki	AR	VN
MN-2	5555-MN-2	Paul G Runnigen	NV	VN
MS-4	0652-MS-4	Johnie L Lyon	MC	KR
MS-4	0677-MS-4	Joe N Parrish	AR	W2
MS-4	0682-MS-4	Alexander D Christie	NV	VN
MS-4	0690-MS-4	Rubert O Kimbrough	AR	W2
MS-4	0690-MS-4	Louis Jackson Shows	MC	W2
MS-4	0801-MS-4	Richard D Koster, Sr	AF	VN
MS-4	0806-MS-4	William L Brewer	AR	W2
MS-4	0806-MS-4	Jimmy R Harlow	AR	VN
MS-4	0813-MS-4	Herschel L Wilbanks	AR	W2
MS-4	DML-MS-4	Gordon M Ford	AR	VN
MO-2	0115-MO-2	Richard J Coyle	AR	VN
MO-2	0115-MO-2	Larry L Gilpin	AR	VN
MO-2	0115-MO-2	Larry D Roller	MC	VN
MO-2	0125-MO-2	Thomas F Church	AR	KR
MO-2	0125-MO-2	Don A Dreifke	AR	W2
MO-2	0125-MO-2	Stephen L Fitzgerald	AR	W2
MO-2	0605-MO-2	James E Meyer	AR	KR
MO-2	0821-MO-2	Raymond A Rich	AR	VN
MT-3	2016-MT-3	Dean C Graham	AR	W2
MT-3	2016-MT-3	Richard G McCracken	AR	VN
NE-2	0200-NE-2	Eugene P Jorgensen	AR	W2
NE-2	0200-NE-2	Richard L Kehler	AR	KR
NE-2	0200-NE-2	Gary D Ponder	AR	VN
NE-2	0200-NE-2	Kenneth E Winkler	MC	W2
NE-2	0260-NE-2	Paul Araujo	AR	W2
NE-2	0260-NE-2	John Robert Balkovic	MC	KR
NE-2	0260-NE-2	James E Connor	AR	VN
NE-2	0260-NE-2	Horst H Glatte	AR	VN
NE-2	0260-NE-2	Delbert P Leonard	AR	VN
NE-2	0260-NE-2	James E Loneragan	MC	KR
NE-2	0260-NE-2	M Earl Moody	MC	W2
NE-2	0260-NE-2	William E Ramsey	MC	KR
NE-2	0260-NE-2	William H Rector	NV	KR
NE-2	0260-NE-2	Frank L Staroski	AR	W2
NE-2	0260-NE-2	Robert F Yeager	AF	W2
NE-2	0632-NE-2	Dellas L Atchison	AR	KR
NE-2	0681-NE-2	James C Valasek	AR	W2
NE-2	0681-NE-2	George F Wendland	AR	W2
NV-6	0711-NV-6	Elmer Scott Davis	AR	VN
NV-6	0711-NV-6	William H Francisco	AR	VN
NV-6	0711-NV-6	George L Gadsden	NV	VN
NV-6	0711-NV-6	Richard D Wair, Jr	AR	VN
NV-6	0719-NV-6	Orville R Saffle	AR	W2
NV-6	0730-NV-6	Richard R Stein	MC	W2
NJ-1	0010-NJ-1	Vincent A Damiano	AR	W2
NJ-1	0010-NJ-1	William J A Davis	MC	VN
NJ-1	0010-NJ-1	Daniel C Gala	AR	KR
NJ-1	0010-NJ-1	Richard S Groves	AR	W2





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NJ-1	0010-NJ-1	Juan Pastor Sanchez	AR	VN	NY-1	0021-NY-1	Daniel A St John	AR	W2
NJ-1	0010-NJ-1	Seymour E Siegel	AR	W2	NY-1	0120-NY-1	Ronald V Preston	AR	VN
NJ-1	0010-NJ-1	Charles H Steffens	AR	W2	NY-1	0120-NY-1	Christopher J Thaxton	AR	AF
NJ-1	0024-NJ-1	Rudolph D Camphausen	AR	VN	NY-1	0187-NY-1	Earl J Conklin	MC	W2
NJ-1	0024-NJ-1	John B Manniello	AR	W2	NY-1	0187-NY-1	William H Foster	MC	W2
NJ-1	0026-NJ-1	Louis J Picariello	AR	W2	NY-1	0264-NY-1	Carl C Neumann	AR	W2
NJ-1	0026-NJ-1	Joseph R Pope, Jr	AR	VN	NY-1	0405-NY-1	John M Blanti	AR	KR
NJ-1	0026-NJ-1	David C Reeves	AR	KR	NY-1	0405-NY-1	Paul H Catozzi	AR	VN
NJ-1	0026-NJ-1	Al Romanowski	AR	W2	NY-1	0405-NY-1	Donato M Cocozzello	AR	W2
NJ-1	0027-NJ-1	George H Bebbington	MC	W2	NY-1	0405-NY-1	Anthony G Colace	AR	W2
NJ-1	0027-NJ-1	Marvin Brenner	MC	W2	NY-1	0405-NY-1	Antonio Garrido	AR	W2
NJ-1	0028-NJ-1	Joseph C Di Prospero	AR	W2	NY-1	0405-NY-1	Vicente Ramdeen	AR	VN
NJ-1	0028-NJ-1	Jerome J Gilrain	AR	KR	NY-1	0405-NY-1	Jack J Tagliavia	AR	W2
NJ-1	0028-NJ-1	Chester Lewis	NV	W2	NY-1	0417-NY-1	Richard A Autorina	AR	VN
NJ-1	0028-NJ-1	John Reed Shields	AR	VN	NY-1	0417-NY-1	Clifford V Brokaw, III	MC	KR
NJ-1	0028-NJ-1	Raymond Zander	AR	W2	NY-1	0417-NY-1	Dante Diana	AR	W2
NJ-1	0033-NJ-1	Matthew J Chilcotte	MC	VN	NY-1	0417-NY-1	Frank P Maltese	AR	KR
NJ-1	0033-NJ-1	Henrique O Desousa	AR	VN	NY-1	0417-NY-1	John F Mullady	AR	VN
NJ-1	0033-NJ-1	Armand Torre	AR	W2	NY-1	0417-NY-1	David I Schachne	AR	W2
NJ-1	0033-NJ-1	Jaime Vazquez	MC	VN	NY-1	0446-NY-1	Robert F Forth	MC	VN
NJ-1	0036-NJ-1	Louis F Bernardo	AR	KR	NY-1	0446-NY-1	James M Wilkins	MC	VN
NJ-1	0036-NJ-1	Charles Fay	AR	KR	NY-1	0490-NY-1	John Payne	MC	VN
NJ-1	0036-NJ-1	Michael R Mastromonica	MC	VN	NY-1	1005-NY-1	Isaiah L Serviss	NV	VN
NJ-1	0036-NJ-1	Paul J Ostroski	AR	KR	NY-1	1782-NY-1	Thomas J Angel	AR	W2
NJ-1	0036-NJ-1	John A Rice	AR	W2	NY-1	1782-NY-1	Ronald R Foti	AR	VN
NJ-1	0036-NJ-1	Theodore L Tucci	AF	W2	NY-1	1782-NY-1	William E Lasch	MC	VN
NJ-1	0036-NJ-1	George R Van Way	AR	W2	NY-1	1782-NY-1	Robert L Ryf	MC	KR
NJ-1	0116-NJ-1	Joseph A Arsenault	AR	KR	NY-1	1782-NY-1	John T Tomapat	NV	VN
NJ-1	0116-NJ-1	Earl R Milnor	MC	W2	NY-1	1782-NY-1	Edgar L Wurch	AR	W2
NJ-1	0155-NJ-1	Robert E Bryant	MC	VN	NY-1	DML-NY-1	Gilbert C Hogue	AF	W2
NJ-1	0155-NJ-1	Raymond Haigh	AR	W2	NC-4	0285-NC-4	Dale Ivey Beatty	AR	IF
NJ-1	0155-NJ-1	Richard Rotondo	AR	W2	NC-4	0285-NC-4	John B Whiting	AR	KR
NJ-1	0155-NJ-1	Patrick R Sbarra	AR	KR	NC-4	0634-NC-4	Philip L Briggs	AR	VN
NJ-1	0181-NJ-1	Robert L Bruton, Jr	AR	KR	NC-4	0634-NC-4	Michael L Hartness	AR	VN
NJ-1	0181-NJ-1	Ralph A Lauro	AR	KR	NC-4	0634-NC-4	Earl W Rader	AR	W2
NJ-1	0202-NJ-1	Michael Halik	AR	W2	NC-4	0636-NC-4	Gary Wayne Ledbetter	AR	VN
NJ-1	0246-NJ-1	Rosario Calamusa	AR	W2	NC-4	0637-NC-4	Felix J Subervi, Jr	AR	W2
NJ-1	0246-NJ-1	Michael J Chipoletti	AR	W2	NC-4	0638-NC-4	Ralph Bruno	AR	W2
NJ-1	0246-NJ-1	John K Sharkey	AR	VN	NC-4	0638-NC-4	Charles H Christian	AR	VN
NJ-1	0336-NJ-1	Rocco J Castranova	AR	VN	NC-4	0638-NC-4	Bruce L Foster	AR	W2
NJ-1	0336-NJ-1	Albert J Giovinnazzi	AR	VN	NC-4	0638-NC-4	Thomas K Taylor	AR	VN
NJ-1	0341-NJ-1	Charles L Pinnix	NV	W2	NC-4	0642-NC-4	Elmer H Baysden	AR	W2
NJ-1	0366-NJ-1	Ronald B Scola	MC	VN	NC-4	0642-NC-4	John J Mann	MC	IF
NJ-1	0522-NJ-1	Pellegrino G Digiovanni	AR	W2	NC-4	0642-NC-4	Richard J McGee	MC	VN
NJ-1	0522-NJ-1	Michael A Dilworth	AR	W2	NC-4	0642-NC-4	William H Ray	MC	VN
NJ-1	0522-NJ-1	Emil Charles Manott	MC	KR	NC-4	0642-NC-4	Warren D Tessmer	AF	W2
NJ-1	0522-NJ-1	Neil J McCauley	AR	W2	NC-4	0647-NC-4	Francis M Dwight	AR	VN
NJ-1	0527-NJ-1	Gordon C Saunders	AR	KR	NC-4	DML-NC-4	Wm John Cameron	AR	VN
NJ-1	0701-NJ-1	Frank Dalessio	AR	W2	NC-4	DML-NC-4	Patrick W Malloy	AR	VN
NJ-1	0701-NJ-1	Edward Izzo	AR	W2	NN-1	0395-NN-1	George C Anderson	NV	KR
NJ-1	1776-NJ-1	William F Stilwell	MC	W2	NN-1	0614-NN-1	Ronald R Benoit	MC	VN
NJ-1	DML-NJ-1	Louis A Palumbo	NV	VN	NN-1	0614-NN-1	Alfred D Sines	AR	W2
NM-5	0559-NM-5	Lin Foon Chew	AF	W2	NN-1	0628-NN-1	Armand J Boudreau	AR	W2
NM-5	1966-NM-5	John A Campbell	AR	VN	NN-1	0628-NN-1	Paul W Monfette	AR	W2
NM-5	1966-NM-5	Frank Duran, Sr	AR	W2	NN-1	0716-NN-1	Harry R Olsson, Jr	AR	W2
NM-5	1966-NM-5	Joe E Gibson	AR	VN	NN-1	DML-NN-1	Arnold L Leavitt	AR	W2
NM-5	1966-NM-5	Henry L Kil	AR	W2	NN-1	DML-NN-1	Elmore E Morgan	AR	W2
NM-5	1966-NM-5	Teodoro Ted Lujan	AR	W2	OH-2	0031-OH-2	Robert D Atkins, Jr	AR	VN
NM-5	1966-NM-5	John H Otero	AR	KR	OH-2	0031-OH-2	Bert Cowan	AR	W2
NM-5	1966-NM-5	Samuel F Parks	AR	W2	OH-2	0156-OH-2	Richard L Beare	MC	KR
NM-5	1966-NM-5	Antonio V Rios	MC	VN	OH-2	0156-OH-2	James G Cox	AR	VN
NM-5	1966-NM-5	Roger A Steers	AR	W2	OH-2	0473-OH-2	Roger A Jackson	MC	VN
NM-5	1966-NM-5	William A Strickland, Jr	AR	IF	OH-2	0500-OH-2	John T Auken	AR	VN
NY-1	0003-NY-1	Anton J Dietrich	AR	W2	OH-2	0500-OH-2	Gary L Carder	AR	VN
NY-1	0003-NY-1	Julius Laskowski	AR	W2	OH-2	0500-OH-2	Walter Harris	AR	W2
NY-1	0003-NY-1	Robert Meyers	MC	VN	OH-2	0500-OH-2	Ruby E Stamper	AR	W2
NY-1	0003-NY-1	Horace Osterman	AR	W2	OH-2	0606-OH-2	Robert T Burns	AR	W2
NY-1	0003-NY-1	Jose A Reyes	AR	KR	OH-2	0620-OH-2	Garry A Groves	AR	VN
NY-1	0021-NY-1	Howard D Aronow	AR	W2	OH-2	0625-OH-2	William R Barks	MC	KR
NY-1	0021-NY-1	Robert L Moss	AR	W2	OH-2	0625-OH-2	Richard D Long	AF	W2
NY-1	0021-NY-1	Thomas A Reiches	AR	VN	OH-2	0625-OH-2	Joseph C Shesky	MC	W2

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OH-2	0671-OH-2	Robert E Dwyer	MC	KR
OH-2	0699-OH-2	Harry A Donovan	NV	W2
OH-2	0699-OH-2	Donald C Hensley	AR	VN
OH-2	0699-OH-2	James R Lasch	AR	W2
OH-2	0699-OH-2	Walter Mikulski, Jr	AR	KR
OH-2	0699-OH-2	Thomas V Robes	MC	VN
OH-2	0743-OH-2	John B Lazear	AR	KR
OH-2	0765-OH-2	Nathan P Biggs	AR	W2
OH-2	0765-OH-2	Ronald J Martin	AR	VN
OH-2	1612-OH-2	Forrest E Weaver	AR	W2
OH-2	1981-OH-2	Frank J Bires	MC	W2
OH-2	1981-OH-2	James C Bradhurst	AR	VN
OH-2	1981-OH-2	Raymond C Butler	AR	W2
OH-2	1981-OH-2	James F Farris	NV	W2
OH-2	1981-OH-2	Walter J Rawski	AR	W2
OH-2	1981-OH-2	Robert J Scott	AR	KR
OH-2	1981-OH-2	James R Spross	MC	VN
OH-2	3620-OH-2	Earl E Burt	MC	KR
OH-2	3620-OH-2	Raymond S Clem	AR	KR
OH-2	3620-OH-2	Thomas M Linneman	AR	W2
OH-2	3620-OH-2	Paul F Mullenger	AR	W2
OH-2	DML-OH-2	Melvin W Lanzer	AR	W2
OH-2	DML-OH-2	William S Lipton	AR	W2
OH-2	DML-OH-2	Carlos M McGlothlin	AR	W2
OH-2	DML-OH-2	Louis J Sipos	AR	W2
OK-5	0568-OK-5	Johnny W Baker	AR	KR
OK-5	0568-OK-5	Edwin E Glover	AR	W2
OK-5	0568-OK-5	Ernest D Upchurch	AR	VN
OK-5	0589-OK-5	Tannis R Lickliter	NV	W2
OK-5	0589-OK-5	Joe A Murdock	AR	W2
OK-5	0589-OK-5	Jimmy Prater	AR	VN
OK-5	0589-OK-5	Calvin C Tillery	MC	KR
OK-5	0602-OK-5	Thomas J Horn	AR	VN
OK-5	0602-OK-5	Stefan Ray McLain	AR	DS
OK-5	0641-OK-5	James E Roberts	AR	VN
OK-5	DML-OK-5	David C Little	AR	VN
OR-3	0072-OR-3	Darrell D Lord	NV	W2
OR-3	0147-OR-3	Arthur R Massey, Jr	MC	VN
OR-3	0147-OR-3	Julio F Silva	NV	W2
OR-3	0539-OR-3	Harold L Beatty	AR	VN
OR-3	0539-OR-3	Robert LEE Mull, Sr	MC	VN
OR-3	0539-OR-3	Jess M Wise	MC	KR
OR-3	0832-OR-3	Raymond C Barrett	AR	VN
PA-1	0011-PA-1	Raymond C Baker, Jr	MC	KR
PA-1	0011-PA-1	Bertram M Baum	AR	W2
PA-1	0011-PA-1	James F Hammond, Sr	AR	W2
PA-1	0011-PA-1	John Kornikow	NV	W2
PA-1	0011-PA-1	Donald D Shultz	AR	VN
PA-1	0034-PA-1	Clarence E Burghy	AR	KR
PA-1	0034-PA-1	Lawrence A Krizner	MC	W2
PA-1	0034-PA-1	Adolph J Slovik	AR	W2
PA-1	0107-PA-1	Merritt J Hause	MC	W2
PA-1	0107-PA-1	Maris R McCullough	AR	W2
PA-1	0107-PA-1	Henry C Minter, Jr	NV	KR
PA-1	0107-PA-1	Edgar E Roche, III	AR	VN
PA-1	0190-PA-1	Fredrick L Evors	AR	VN
PA-1	0190-PA-1	Andrew Keenan	MC	VN
PA-1	0190-PA-1	Francis J Killian	AR	W2
PA-1	0197-PA-1	Dan J Pascarella	MC	VN
PA-1	0197-PA-1	Thomas H Stafford	MC	VN
PA-1	0455-PA-1	David A Bell	AR	VN
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Thomas L Coe	MC	VN
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Edward W Cox	AR	W2
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Christopher J Gschwendtner	AR	IF
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Emil J Hosko	AR	W2
PA-1	0455-PA-1	George Lindner, Jr	MC	W2
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Robert A Meyer	AR	W2
PA-1	0455-PA-1	John T Pariza	AR	KR

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PA-1	0455-PA-1	Louis J Pokorny	AR	VN
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Chester R Sattiaux	AR	W2
PA-1	0455-PA-1	William C Scarlett	AR	W2
PA-1	0455-PA-1	David A Schmitt	AR	KR
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Mark W Sutton	AR	VN
PA-1	0519-PA-1	Angelo G Dicello	NV	W2
PA-1	0519-PA-1	Lowell T Graves	AR	VN
PA-1	0529-PA-1	Robert J Bogard	AR	W2
PA-1	0529-PA-1	Lloyd A Knittle	AR	W2
PA-1	0529-PA-1	Lawrence W Martone	AR	KR
PA-1	0529-PA-1	Libero Passeri	AR	W2
PA-1	0529-PA-1	Joseph Victor Reidinger	AF	KR
PA-1	0529-PA-1	John W Richard, Jr	MC	VN
PA-1	0529-PA-1	Donald N Rishe	AR	W2
PA-1	0656-PA-1	Dale H Chubb	MC	VN
PA-1	0656-PA-1	Delroy R Newcomer	AR	VN
PA-1	0656-PA-1	Jack M Plotts	AR	W2
PA-1	0992-PA-1	Robert H Grimminger	AR	W2
PA-1	1777-PA-1	George Daher	MC	VN
PA-1	1777-PA-1	Charles E Miller, Jr	AR	VN
PA-1	1777-PA-1	William E Muehsam	AR	VN
PA-1	1777-PA-1	Jacob Persofsky	AR	W2
PA-1	1777-PA-1	Gabriel D Planamento	AR	W2
PA-1	1983-PA-1	Marshall Beers	AR	KR
PA-1	1983-PA-1	Herbert W Craven	AR	W2
SC-4	0402-SC-4	William K Gaskin	AR	W2
SC-4	0402-SC-4	Paul W Mullins	AR	VN
SC-4	0402-SC-4	George A Stephens	AR	VN
SC-4	0530-SC-4	Rodrick T Dunn	AR	KR
SC-4	0530-SC-4	Jerry C Gambrell	MC	KR
SC-4	0530-SC-4	Richard K Wilson	AR	AF
SC-4	1781-SC-4	Charles Weaver Jones, Sr	AR	KR
SC-4	1890-SC-4	Darry Ralph Rogers	AR	VN
SC-4	2005-SC-4	Jonathan Toole	AR	W2
SC-4	2008-SC-4	Roger D Rape	MC	VN
SC-4	DML-SC-4	Michael C Rasmussen	AR	VN
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