



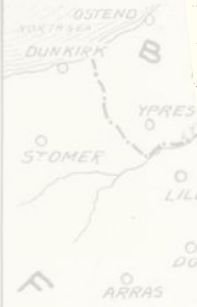
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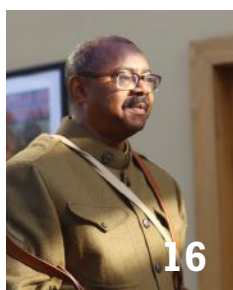
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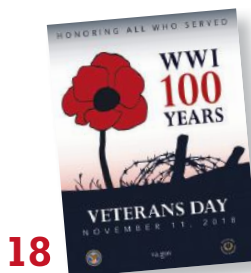
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Changing Times and the Growth of MOPH

CHANGE IS COMING whether we like it or not. We have to adapt to it or face the consequences. Since the Internet landed in our culture in 1993 our country has seen more change driven by technology than in the previous 200 years. Google, Facebook, Apple and Amazon together are valued at over \$3.2 trillion. Apple has broken a record by becoming the first corporation in world history to be valued at over \$1 trillion and is now the largest corporation on Earth. Amazon is close behind. Google, alone, is worth more than the big three airlines, the big three auto corporations, McDonald's, Coke and Pepsi Worldwide, IBM, the four big TV networks, eBay, Yahoo and AOL combined. One-third of all people on the planet are on Facebook.

The average age of the CEOs of these four companies is 43.5 years. These young executives are Iraq War-era people. They were in their impressionable mid-20s during the terrorist attack on 9/11. These CEOs have lived with war all of their adult lives, like we have. Most are liberal and hate war and the politics of war. But they love us. They love the combat-wounded military that protects the very ground on which they have built their companies. They don't hold us accountable for any war, popular or not.

Why aren't we talking to these people? Not just the four giants but the top 20 corporations in America. Well, we are, starting now. We've been meeting with large, branded corporations, high net worth individuals, venture capital companies and both profit and non-profit funding organizations. We are putting them in the pipeline. By the time this *Purple Heart* Magazine

reaches you we will have announced early funds that are coming out of the end of the pipeline. There will be more.

The headquarters staff is intact without one resignation. We have added staff, funding and direction to the soul of the MOPH, the service program. We are gearing up our service program for an expected increase in claims in 2020 in the aftermath of the surge in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are forging working strategic relationships with

other U.S. service programs and raising the funds to allow strong functions, growth and stability to the Order. An announcement is soon coming.

I have had meetings with several TV networks in New York that will be our distribution partners in our national TV outreach, promoting our legacy program in TV households across America, led by major celebrities. This will take seven months to establish. The revenue and public relation benefits will present enduring stability to the Order.

I've established a Post-Vietnam Recruiting Committee. This very important committee will develop a strategy and tactics that will bolster our membership. Only 10 percent of

*"Come gather around people wherever you roam
and admit the waters around you have grown
and accept that soon you'll be drenched to the bone
and you better start swimming or you'll sink like a stone
for the times they are a changin'."—Bob Dylan*

the Purple Heart recipients in the U.S. are members of the MOPH. I see this as a tremendous opportunity. Very soon the committee will publish its plan and expected results. Until now, the Order has been shrinking.

We had 1,000 new members last year but 1,200 died. We will end that membership decline. You will witness growth.

The MOPH deserves a much higher level of success than we have experienced in the past. We are moving forward. We are unique in our blood brotherhood and sisterhood. We shed our blood for America.

We will pull together to stabilize and glorify our beloved MOPH. ✱



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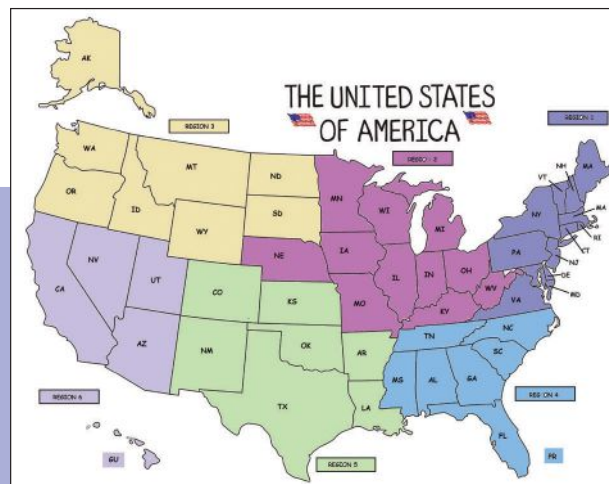
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Why is Information Important?

WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for your vote of confidence, and the opportunity to serve you. Together we will continue to grow the MOPH philosophy of “helping our veterans and their families, and never forgetting our fallen heroes and the families they left behind.” One of my goals this year is to assure that all department and active chapters receive a life membership rebate check. This will take a collective effort by the region, department and chapter commanders. Working together we can achieve this goal. Another goal is to use the internet as a tool to disseminate information to our

Patriots in a positive manner that is informative, factual and educational. With help from all six region commanders, John Flener will develop web pages. The goal is to give the user, with just a click of a button, easy access to current and accurate information, informing them of activities transpiring in each region.

The tracker program on the MOPH website is a great tool to gather information on what reports have been submitted to national headquarters by regions, departments and chapters. It also allows the user to print a bad address report. Bad addresses cost our organization thousands of dollars each year, and can be eliminated if each chapter attempts to communicate with these members and determine their status. This program will give the user, depending on their access level, an overview of the members of the order, how the departments are operating, which chapters are active and may need some support or assistance, or possibly need to be closed. Submitting all requires reports to national headquarters (election report, finance report, 990 and life membership report) to be on time, with accurate information and proper signatures. This is critical to the survival of the Order. The reports are just one part of the puzzle that helps the Order maintain their nonprofit status. These reports are also used to determine the department delegate counts at the national convention, and life membership rebate checks that are

issued to each qualifying department and chapter. These checks can be used to fund programs at the department and chapter levels to assist veterans and their families.

It is important that each department and chapter adjutant have a current copy of the key filing dates report. To obtain a copy of the report due dates: (1) go to the MOPH web home page, www.mophhq.org (2) select forms, (3) select key filing dates, and (4) print a copy for your records.

I had the opportunity to read a book, *Shackleton's Way Leadership Lessons from the Great Antarctic Explorer*, by Margot Morrell and Stephanie Capparell, which I was recently given by Commander Doug Greenlaw at the 2018 national convention. There were some interesting statements in the book about surviving a crisis that we need to consider as we move through the next year. Following are some insightful quotations from the book.

1. “Let go of the past. Don’t waste time or energy regretting past mistakes, or fretting over what you cannot change.”
2. “Don’t be drawn into a public dispute; rather engage in respectful competition. You may need their cooperation in the future.”
3. “Never insist on reaching a goal at any cost. It must be achieved at a reasonable expense and undue hardship.”

4. "Be bold in vision and careful in planning. Dare to try something new, but be meticulous in your proposal, to give your idea a good chance of succeeding."
5. "Let all the people involved in the crisis participate in the solution."
6. "Give constant feedback on performance; it helps speed up the process."
7. "Be patient. Sometimes the best course of action is to do nothing, but watch and wait."
8. "Go-for-broke risks become more acceptable as op-

tions narrow. Sometimes, the potential rewards at the end of a daring venture justify the risk of suffering a spectacular failure."

If you get a copy of this book you will find that it is full of informative and insightful topics from team building to crisis management that can be used in building a successful organization.

Again, thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve you and the Order as the National Jr. Vice Commander. ✧

National Chaplain's Briefing

by James Miller

From the New National Chaplain: Let's Put Our Differences Aside

FIRST, I'D LIKE TO SAY HOW HONORED I am to have been appointed as the national chaplain for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. I will do my best to continue the legacy established by the previous national chaplains and do what is beneficial for the MOPH and its Patriots. As I have always practiced, I will, to the best of my ability, "do the right thing for the right reason and at the right time."

That being said, now is the time to do the right thing in the Order. We must stop all this bickering and backbiting among ourselves, stop putting out false rumors by email, etc., and start striving to work together for the good of the Order and to better our organization. This will help us all to do our best for each other and accomplish the goals set for our Patriots' benefit. How can our national leadership team

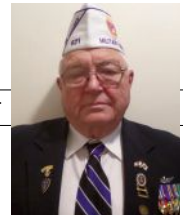
work to help veterans nationwide if they are constantly having to defend their actions and put out the little fires of discontent? The time to begin is now, so let's work together and be sure our endeavors are pleasing to the Lord (Ecc. 9:10: whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might).

If we can put our differences aside and work together for the good of the Order by supporting our national leadership to ensure that the legacy of the Order will continue, we can accomplish much as we've done in the past.

May God bless as we pray for our nation and our commander and all of the MOPH leadership. If you have any needs or prayer requests please feel free to contact me. I am here to serve. ✧



AS WE THINK ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE LOST SO MUCH (their homes, valuables, schools, lives and businesses) as a result of Hurricane Florence and Michael, we hope that every one that is still displaced knows that we are here to help in so many ways. As the MOPH and all its members send money and supplies to the ones that have been so devastated and have lost everything from the rain, wind, and floods, we ask everyone to think about them and do what you can to help. We have one thing in common; we shed blood for our country and we will work together. Let us help bring them comfort as they rebuild their homes, schools, and businesses and put their lives back together. Let all members find comfort in knowing we are standing with them to help. God Bless our Country and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.



Region II Preps for a Busy 2019

I WAS PLEASED TO SEE how trouble-free the Spokane convention went. I want to thank the outgoing leadership and the Department of Washington for putting on a great convention, and welcome the incoming officers.

The 2019 convention falls on the Department of Missouri, and we will try to provide a positive experience for everyone who attends. The convention dates are July 8-12. The convention will be held in Branson, Mo.

I would also like to thank the Region II department commanders for showing confidence in me to lead. I look forward to serving the region to the best of my ability and working with the department and chapter commanders.

There are 11 departments and 108 chapters in the region; 26 of these are delinquent chapters. My goal is to work with commanders to reduce the number of delinquent chapters by either consolidating, dissolving or reconstructing the existing chapters.

The region has 9,929 members. We need to try to meet a goal of 200 new members or better in the coming year.

I would like to see the first responder program kept alive. I realize that this puts a financial burden on the departments and chapters furnishing plaques to police of-

ficers and firemen wounded/injured or killed in the line of duty, but it is definitely a worthy cause and shines a positive light on MOPH in the community.

The sad fact is a lot of what we want to do costs money, so let's get creative and see if we can remedy some of our financial short falls. Any ideas are welcome. All in all, it's for the good of the Order.

I feel we should show support by volunteering and donating financial aid for our state-run veterans nursing homes and cemeteries as well as showing support for VA-run hospitals and clinics.

I am proud to be a member of the MOPH, no matter how painful it was to qualify (ouch!). I know you are too. ✱

MOPH MEMBERSHIP TOP RECRUITERS as of October 5, 2018

Member	Chapter	No Recruited	National Service Officer	State	No Recruited
Neil Van Ess	0366-NJ-1	14	NSO Nickolas Easterling	MI	2
Ryan M Sabinish	7110-MN-2	9	NSO Paul Kaiser	MI	1
John A Lunkwicz	1513-TX-5	7	NSO Gilbert H Ochoa	TX	1
Joseph S Schaler	0159-IL-2	5	NSO Dave Srock	MN	1
Richard Duane Keirn	0730-NV-6	3	NSO Troy Westphal	MN	1
Thomas Y Tanaka	0483-HI-6	3	NSO Martha S Yrbarra	TX	1
Brian W Willette	0875-MA-1	3			

NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY recognition and rededication of the Department of Illinois Memorial Wall of Illinois' Fallen Warriors at Hines V.A., August 7, 2018.



L-R: Steven E. Braverman, M.D., Hospital Director, Edward Hines V.A.; Daniel T. Finn, PDC and Dept. Adjutant; Christina Finn, and Rick Fox, Chief Public Affairs Officer, Hines V.A.



Several Patriots from the Dept. of Illinois, along with volunteers from the Gary Sinise Foundation, helping to recognize this day, by preparing lunch for Veterans at Hines V.A. Hospital.

MOPH CHAPTER 31 Honor Guard, Dayton, Ohio, is celebrating Ohio Christian Univ. becoming a Purple Heart University.

"This recognition by the Military Order of the Purple Heart recognizes the many ways we have already been serving our military students, but now, with this special designation, the partnership is strengthened even more, and we are thankful for the opportunity to do so."

—Jon Kulaga, President

"The Purple Heart ceremony was a great way to proclaim to our community that Ohio Christian University will always stand beside our military."

—Nicole Davis, AVP of Enrollment



L-R: Jerry Feris, State Commander; Randy Howson, Ed Damron, John Kulaga, O.C.U. President; Glenn West and Charlie Tobe.

REGION II EVENTS



POLK COUNTY, MO., Sheriff Danny Morrison was presented a Purple Heart Plaque of Support on Aug 17, 2018. L to R: John Dismer, Commander Region II, MOPH; Polk County, MO, Sheriff Danny Morrison; Ted Knox, Commander, Department of MO, MOPH.



MEMBERS OF Northern Minneapolis Suburbs Chapter #987 and Anoka County Board Members who declared Anoka County a Purple Heart County.



ROCHESTER MINNESOTA Chapter 7110 installs Purple Heart parking signs at the local HyVee in Rochester, thanks to the hard work of Patriot Michael Quinn.

REGION II EVENTS

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



Legislative Update: More Big Wins for Veterans and their Families

AM PLEASED TO INFORM you that MOPH has had several legislative victories over the past few months. Here are some of the highlights:

In May, Congress passed the VA MISSION Act. This comprehensive legislation consolidated all non-VA care programs, including the Choice Program, into a single Veterans Community Care Program, while also providing additional resources to build internal VA capacity. Equally important, this bill accomplished the long-standing MOPH goal of finally expanding the VA Caregiver Program to veterans of *all* eras.

In August, the FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act became law. It included the language of the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act, a bill that was strongly supported by MOPH, which will authorize all disabled veterans, all Purple Heart recipients, regardless of disability rating, and their eligible caregivers to shop at on-base military exchanges and commissaries, beginning in January 2020. It also authorized Space Available (Space-A) travel for all veterans with a permanent service-connected disability rated as total.

In addition, for the second year in a row, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution, designating August 7 as National Purple Heart Recognition Day. This was followed by an official message from President Trump, commemorating National Purple Heart Day this year.

And in September, the 2019 Defense Appropriations Act finally eliminated death gratuity payment delays in

the event that a service member dies during a government shutdown. This means that never again will congressional gridlock prevent grieving military families from getting the financial assistance they need and deserve.

While these accomplishments are significant, there is still more to do before the end of the 115th Congress. MOPH will continue to push for the passage of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act, the Purple Heart Preservation Act to prevent memorabilia dealers from profiting from the sale of Purple Heart Medals, and legislation to extend the waiver of the VA Home Loan funding fee to active duty Purple Heart recipients. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding these important bills.

As always, I would like to thank all of you for your support, and I look forward to our continued success in the future. ✧

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EDUCATION AND opportunity. For many, the two go hand in hand and are part of the very freedoms for which our members fought and sacrificed. For some though, and for a variety of reasons, education and opportunity have remained elusive. This is where the MOPH Scholarship Program comes into play, awarding approximately 80 scholarships to Purple Heart recipients and their spouses, children and grandchildren each year. The scholarships provided through the MOPH open the door to opportunities for our fellow Purple Heart recipients and their family members, like Bob Fields and his grandson Adam.

Bob Fields earned his Purple Heart serving in the 1st Air Cavalry Division during the Vietnam War. And Bob's dedication to serving his country didn't end when he left the military. He returned home to the city of Joplin, Missouri, where his grandson Adam would be born, and

became a city land surveyor.

Bob was more like a father figure to Adam. As a young boy, Adam remembers taking long walks with Bob. His grandpa would often take him to see the construction sites where he was working, and Adam enjoyed helping his grandpa with his surveying.

Those early memories spurred Adam's interest in construction. Soon, Adam was continuing his grandfather's commitment to civil service, first by doing volunteer construction work for a charity that builds homes for the needy, then by pursuing a civil engineering degree.

Adam worked hard, and the scholarships he earned supported his education at Missouri University of Science and Technology. Still, he found himself out of funding with one year left before he finished his degree.

With support from our membership, and from gifts to the Purple Heart Foundation, we're able to offer scholarships to our members, and

their spouses, children and grandchildren. Thanks to Bob's service and membership, Adam was eligible to apply for one of the 80 competitive scholarships that were awarded this year. And through his hard work, he won a scholarship that will allow him to complete his degree this spring.

Adam will be the first member of the Fields family to finish a four-year college degree, and Bob is incredibly proud of him. Your support of these scholarships means the world to members like Bob and to their family members. "You are truly helping change the lives of others," says Adam. "You help students to not only begin college, but finish college. I could not have completed college without this help."

After he graduates, Adam hopes to get a job working on our great country's infrastructure. And when Bob watches Adam receive his diploma, he'll know that his sacrifices for America helped make this moment possible. ✧

"Thank you for helping me make my grandfather proud." —Adam Fields, MOPH Scholarship Award Recipient



Young Adam and Grandpa



Grandpa and Adam at graduation



Bob Fields in uniform

Why Our Veterans Are AMERICA'S HEROES

by Kyleigh Koehler (age 12, Garrison, Montana)

VETERANS ARE THE CORE of America. They protect us from danger on land, air and sea.

Veterans give their lives and limbs for America. They have also allowed us to have the rights that we have today, such as freedom of speech and religion.



Veterans remind us of the freedom that we often take for granted. They have fought for our country and our independence. They fight for freedom and they sacrifice their lives for citizens of America. Veterans have given Americans opportunities that no other country has.

To be a veteran, you must have bravery and courage as well as a love for your country. Being a veteran takes sacrifice, and you must be willing to do anything for your country.

A veteran is someone who will defend American until the day they die. Veterans have and will protect our past, present and future. Veterans believe that freedom is worth dying for. They will protect this land at any cost. They will leave their families to risk their lives if it means that they can keep their freedom.

Being a veteran is both physically and mentally demanding. While some veterans may show a clear sign of service, such as a missing limb, other veterans may have scars that can't be seen. Many veterans suffer from PTSD due to their prolonged exposure to combat. These veterans may have symptoms such as insomnia or self-destructive behavior.

Veterans are the most important part of America. A famous news reporter, Elmer Davis, once said, "This nation will remain the land of the free so long as it is the home of the brave."

Without veterans, we would not have the freedom we have today. Without veterans, there would be no United States of America. ✧

The essay was written for the National Elks' Americanism Essay on why veterans are important to America. Kyleigh won second place in the nation.



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This Day in History: November 11



Soldiers in a field wave their helmets and cheer on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, location unknown

World War I Ends

AT THE 11TH HOUR ON THE 11TH DAY of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ends. At 5 a.m. that morning, Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car outside Compiègne, France. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation or exposure.

For the most part, the people of Europe greeted the outbreak of war with jubilation. Most patriotically assumed that their country would be victorious within months. Of the initial belligerents, Germany was most prepared for the outbreak of hostilities, and its military leaders had formatted a sophisticated military strategy known as the “Schlieffen Plan,” which envisioned the conquest of France through a great arcing of offensive through Belgium and into northern France. Russia, slow to mobilize, was to be kept occupied by Austro-Hungarian forces while Germany attacked France.

The Schlieffen Plan was nearly successful, but in early September the French rallied and halted the German advance at the bloody

Battle of the Marne near Paris. By the end of 1914, well over a million soldiers of various nationalities had been killed on the battlefields of Europe, and neither for the Allies nor the Central Powers was a final victory in sight. On the western front—the battle line that stretched across northern France and Belgium—the combatants settled down in the trenches for a terrible war of attrition.

In 1915, the Allies attempted to break the stalemate with an amphibious invasion of Turkey, which had joined the Central Powers in October 1914, but after heavy bloodshed the Allies were forced to retreat in early 1916. The year 1916 saw great offensives by Germany and Britain along the western front, but neither side accomplished a decisive victory. In the east, Germany was more successful, and the disorganized Russian army suffered terrible losses, spurring the outbreak of the Russian Revolution in 1917. By the end of 1917, the Bolsheviks had

seized power in Russia and immediately set about negotiating peace with Germany. In 1918, the infusion of American troops and resources into the western front finally tipped the scale in the Allies’ favor. Germany signed an armistice agreement with the Allies on November 11, 1918.

World War I was known as the



Armistice Day, Wall Street

“war to end all wars” because of the great slaughter and destruction it caused. Unfortunately, the peace treaty that officially ended the conflict—the Treaty of Versailles of 1919—forced punitive terms on Germany that destabilized Europe and laid the groundwork for World War II.

Dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Exactly three years after the end of World War I, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is dedicated at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia during an Armistice Day ceremony presided over by President Warren G. Harding.

Two days before, an unknown American soldier, who had fallen somewhere on a World War I battlefield, arrived at the nation’s capital from a military cemetery in France. On Armistice Day, in the presence of President Harding and other government, military and international dignitaries, the unknown soldier was buried with highest honors beside the Memorial Amphitheater. As the soldier was lowered to his final resting place, a two-inch layer of soil brought from France was placed below his coffin so that he might rest forever atop the earth on which he died.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery stands atop a hill overlooking Washington, D.C. Congress approved the burial of an unidentified American soldier from World War I in the plaza of the new Memorial Amphitheater.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is considered the most hallowed grave at Arlington Cemetery, America’s most sacred military cemetery. The tombstone itself, designed by sculptor Thomas Hudson Jones, was not completed until 1932.

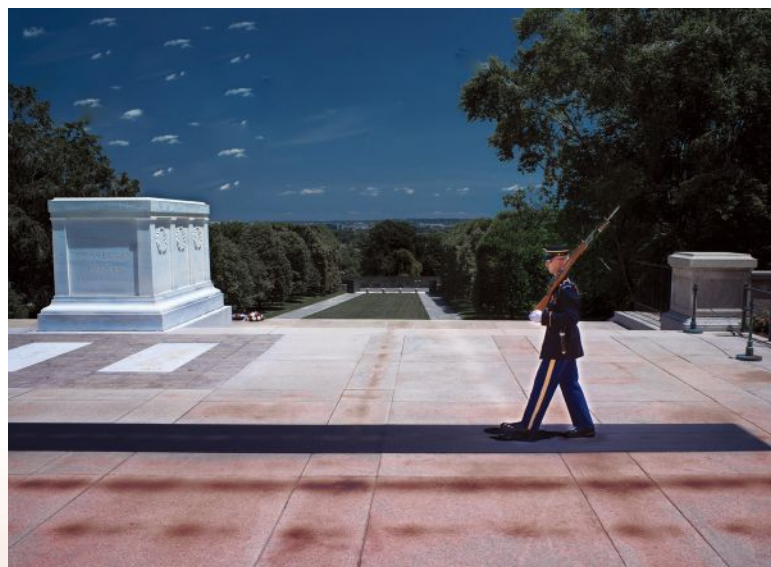
The white marble sarcophagus has a flat-faced form and is relieved at the corners and along the sides by neo-classic pilasters, or columns, set into the surface. Sculpted into the east panel, which faces Washington, D.C., are three Greek figures representing Peace, Victory and Valor. The six wreaths, three sculpted on each side, represent the six major campaigns of World War I. Inscribed on the back of the Tomb are the words:

Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God

The Tomb sarcophagus was placed above the grave of the Unknown Soldier of World War I. West of the World War I Unknown are the crypts of unknowns from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Those three graves are marked with white marble slabs flush with the plaza. The tomb was put under permanent guard by special military sentinels from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), headquartered at Fort Myer, Virginia.

In 1998, a Vietnam War unknown, who was buried at the tomb for 14 years, was disinterred from the Tomb after DNA testing indicated his identity. Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, who was shot down near An Loc, Vietnam, in 1972 was returned to his hometown of St. Louis, Missouri, and was buried with military honors, including an F-15 jet “missing man” flyover and a lone bugler sounding taps.

It has been decided that the crypt that contained the remains of the Vietnam Unknown will remain vacant. The crypt cover has been replaced with one that has the inscription “Honoring and Keeping Faith with America’s Missing Servicemen, 1958-1975.” ★



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World War I: A Turning Point for African-Americans

by Wallace McBride (Fort Jackson)

MORE THAN A CENTURY AGO, Perry Loyd found his life and country at a crossroads. Loyd was training to become a soldier in what was then known as Camp Jackson, working toward becoming a soldier for a country that roundly despised him. When the United States declared war on Germany in April 1917, it was decided that there was no more room for Loyd and other African-Americans in the armed forces, claiming quotas had been met.



Perry James, wearing the uniform of an American Soldier during World War I, speaks about the efforts of African-American Soldiers during the war at a breakfast for military retirees July 26 at Fort Jackson's NCO Club. His grandfather, Perry Loyd, was a veteran of World War I.

"At this time in history, existing all-black Army regiments were not allowed to fight in combat roles overseas," said Loyd's grandson, Perry James, a guest speaker at a breakfast for military retirees July 26 at the Fort Jackson's NCO Club. "They were instead diffused in territories throughout the United States."

World War I proved to be a turning point for freedom, citizenship and self-determination for African-Americans, James said. "They envisioned themselves as torchbearers for democracy," Perry said, and the denial of combat roles prompted a huge backlash.

The U.S. Department of War relented to a certain degree, creating two combat divisions of African-American Soldiers in 1917: 92nd and 93rd Divisions. Perry Loyd

served in the 371st Infantry Colored Regiment within the 93rd Division at Camp Jackson.

"The first black troops sent overseas belonged to service units," James said. "Because the work these units did was absolutely critical to the war effort, commanders promised special privileges to them if they yielded high results. As the war continued and soldiers took to the battlefields, black soldiers became responsible for digging trenches, removing unexploded shells from fields, clearing disabled equipment and barbed wire, and burying soldiers killed in action."

Despite this, these soldiers received the worst treatment of all black troops in World War I and suffered casualties at a rate of 45 percent.

"My grandfather was wounded at the battle of the Argonne Forest, which was a major part of the offensive," James said. The battle was part of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive and stretched along the entire Western Front. It was fought from Sept. 26, until the Armistice of Nov. 11, 1918, during which Loyd was wounded. With the end of the war, Loyd was promoted to sergeant, discharged and returned to his life as a sharecropper in Sumter County, South Carolina.

Perry Loyd died in 1946 at the age of 61, a decade before the birth of his grandson, who was named for him.

James said interest in his grandfather was rekindled after visiting his grave, and learning that a Purple Heart he had earned had never been delivered. He set about correcting that problem, but history had erased many of the records of his grandfather's life. His military records were destroyed in a fire in St. Louis, while many of his personal effects were lost in a house fire years later.

"From a forensic standpoint, it was very difficult to get verifiable information," James said. "Through networking with people, I was able to talk to a gentleman at the National Archives, who was able to dig through the archives and find evidence of his service and his injury."

"I had to stick with it. I just couldn't give up," James said. ✱

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The Remembrance POPPY



A CENTURY AGO, “the war to end all wars” raged throughout Europe, a war that racked up nearly 37.5 million casualties, including upwards of 8.5 million deaths.

This year marks the centennial commemoration of the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. The theme for the 2018 Veterans Day poster is “The War to End All Wars.” The year’s poster, as selected by the Veterans Day National Committee, depicts the remembrance poppy and a barbed wire fence.

The barbed wire represents the thousands of miles of wire that was spread by both sides in WWI. The poppy has been used since 1921 to commemorate military personnel who have died in war and was inspired by the World War I poem “In Flanders Fields.”

But why poppies?

The answer is half biology, half history. The common, or “corn” poppy, grows throughout the United States, Asia, Africa and Europe and is native to the Mediterranean region. Its seeds need light to grow, so when they’re buried in the earth, they can lay dormant for 80 years or possibly even longer, without blooming. Once soil is disturbed and the seeds come to light, poppies nobody knew existed can then bloom.

During World War I, this beautiful phenomenon took place in a Europe decimated by the first truly modern war. In Belgium, which

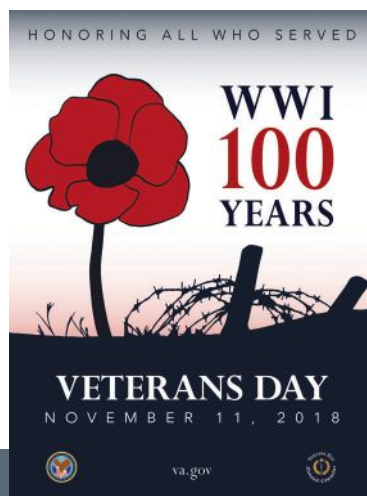
was home to part of the Western Front in its Flanders provinces, the soil was torn up by miles of trenches and pocked by bombs and artillery fire. The Battles of Ypres, which took part in a portion of Flanders known as Flanders Fields, were particularly deadly and took a toll on the physical environment, too. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers breathed their last on soil laid bare and churned up by the mechanics of war.

After the Second Battle of Ypres, a Canadian doctor named John McCrae noticed red poppies growing near one of Flanders’ Fields’ mass cemeteries. He wrote a poem, “In Flanders Fields,” in 1915, which was eventually published in Britain. “In Flanders fields the poppies blow,” wrote McCrae, “between the crosses, row on row.” It went on to become the war’s most popular and most recognized poem in the United States and Great Britain.

The poem, which muses on the existence of poppies in a cemetery, encourages people to take up the torch in honor of their fallen countrymen.

An American woman named Moina Michael read McCrae’s poem and vowed to wear a red poppy every day until she died. She began to distribute silk poppies and her work led women from Allied nations to sell artificial poppies to raise funds for war victims after the war. A symbol had been born—one that persists to this day. ✧

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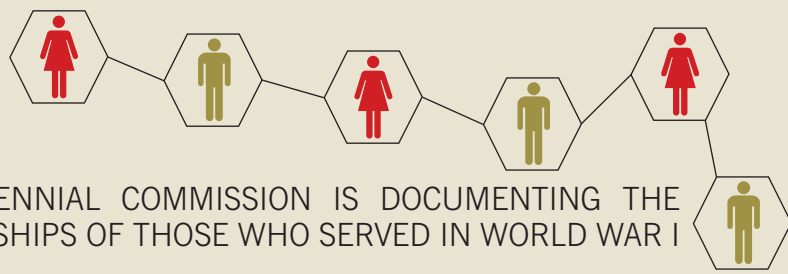
“In Flanders Fields”

by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



FAMILY TIES

UNITED STATES WORLD WAR ONE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION IS DOCUMENTING THE STORIES OF SERVICE AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS OF THOSE WHO SERVED IN WORLD WAR I

NEARLY FIVE MILLION American families sent their fathers or mothers or sons or daughters to serve in the Armed Forces during World War One. Countless other families had members who supported the war effort in industry, farming, shipping and many other fields. All those who served then are gone now, but the commemoration of the centennial of World War One is the nation's opportunity to make a permanent and comprehensive record of how and where those family members served, and what they did for the country, before the succeeding generations' memories of that service are lost forever.

The U.S. World War One Centennial Commission calls on the families of those who served to help tell the Stories of Service of their forebears and relatives 100 years ago in our Stories of Service section.

Many Americans are still alive who listened to their fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers, or mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers, tell the story of their service in World War One. This first-person knowledge will vanish with the passing of those individuals who heard those stories, so the time is now for family members to capture that precious but endangered information. Other family members will have knowledge of their forebears' service from letters, diaries or other records,

or from family stories regarding artifacts from the war.

The Commission asks other Americans to help discover the names of those who served and record that knowledge in the Commission's permanent record.

School classes, scout troops, veterans' groups, genealogical organizations and other groups can research the names found on their community World War One memorials, or in their own records, discover what they can about those individuals, and add that information to the permanent record. Organizations and institutions providing care for the elderly can be extremely important in this effort. Many retirement facilities and homes have residents who have no families to record their memories of their forebears who served in the Great War. Interviewing such residents and entering that information will help rescue that soon-to-be-lost first-person data and makes a great community project.

Those who served in World War

One have left behind many artifacts and souvenirs of their experiences a century ago. Americans who no longer have a place to store or display these artifacts from their predecessors, but who want to preserve them as part of the historical record and the nation's public memory, will find a broad range of opportunities for and resources about finding new homes for old memories.


The United States Navy Memorial's Navy Log is a lasting legacy of honor that tells the story of America's Sea Service veterans. Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine veterans from World War One are eligible to be listed in the Navy Log, but they are no longer with us to enter their information.

Families and others who need help or want information on how to get started on researching family history and World War One service can find links to extensive genealogical research resources, and "how to" information on "Genealogical Resources" page. *

TO VIEW OR SUBMIT INFORMATION:

www.worldwar1centennial.org/commemorate/family-ties.html

- Click the "Submit a Story" menu button to add family history to the permanent record of the World War One Centennial Commission.
- Click the "Donate an Artifact" menu button to find a permanent home for World War I artifacts.
- Click the "Navy Log" menu button to access the Navy Memorial site.
- Click the "Genealogical Resources" menu button to get started researching.



VA Study on Cholesterol Genetics Could Lead to New Treatments for Heart Disease, Diabetes

WASHINGTON — In the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) drive to help improve lives of veterans through health care discovery and innovation, a team led by VA researchers recently identified three genetic mutations that govern cholesterol levels, which could lead to the development of new drugs to treat cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Detailed results of the study can be found in the Oct. 1 issue of *Nature Genetics*, a scientific journal.

"This is fantastic news, not just for veterans, but for all Americans suffering from these diseases," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "VA researchers have been improving the lives of veterans and all Americans through health care discovery and innovation for decades. Their groundbreaking research has resulted in three Nobel prizes and numerous other national and international honors."

Using data from VA's Million Veteran Program (MVP), the researchers found that three genes—PDE3B, PCSK9 and ANGPTL4—could be targets for treatment of heart disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm and diabetes, respectively. VA research

showed that those with specific mutations to the genes had better cholesterol and triglyceride levels than those without the mutations.

The PDE3B mutation appears to protect against heart disease. A mutation in PCSK9 seems to decrease the risk not only of heart disease, but also abdominal aortic aneurysm, a condition in which the aorta is enlarged, which could lead it to rupture and cause life-threatening bleeding. The ANGPTL4 mutation was linked to lower risk of Type 2 diabetes. The research was supported by VA, the National Institutes of Health and Stanford's Department of Medicine.

MVP is a national, voluntary research program funded by VA's Office of Research and Development. MVP partners with veterans receiving care

in the Veterans Health Administration to study how genes affect health. As of late September 2018, MVP had enrolled more than 700,000 veterans. It is already one of the world's largest databases of health and genomic information.

The *Nature Genetics* publication is one of the first major papers describing scientific findings from MVP. The publication highlights the power of researchers having access to data from large numbers of individuals. In this instance, researchers were able to identify several novel genetic factors that affect people's blood lipid [cholesterol and triglyceride] levels. Such findings may lead to new approaches to diagnose people at risk for cardiovascular disease, as well as identify candidate therapeutic targets. ✱

THE MILLION VETERANS PROGRAM (MVP) is a national, voluntary research program funded entirely by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Research & Development. The goal of MVP is to partner with Veterans receiving their care in the VA Healthcare System to study how genes affect health. To do this, MVP will build one of the world's largest medical databases by safely collecting blood samples and health information from one million Veteran volunteers. Data collected from MVP will be stored in a secure manner and will be coded for researchers so that they cannot directly identify you. Researchers will study diseases like diabetes and cancer, and military-related illnesses, such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

Veterans who are users of the VA health care system at one of the enrolling sites are able to participate at this time. MVP is rolling out at VA medical centers across the nation. Once a

site is open for enrollment, veterans can schedule an appointment by calling toll-free 1-866-441-6075, or walk-in to local MVP clinic to participate today. Find clinics still enrolling: research.va.gov/mvp/all-clinics.cfm.

Active involvement in this program includes:

- Filling out surveys about health and health-related behaviors;
- Providing a blood sample (containing DNA and other substances) that will be stored for future genomic analyses;
- Allowing secure access to VA and VA-linked medical and health information, including past and future health records; and
- Agreeing to future contact

To learn more about MVP program: research.va.gov/MVP/veterans.cfm

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How to Help Veterans During the Holidays

by MilitaryBenefits



OVER THE HOLIDAYS, there are various ways to help our veterans through what may be challenging times, and to assist those veterans who may not have family to be with. You can help veterans who serve, honor and protect by volunteering your time, donating items or simply by making a cash contribution to a worthy cause.

Here are some of the many ways you can reach out and make a difference in the life of a veteran this holiday season:

- Call a local USO branch or area Armed Services recruiter. They may have a local donation program list available.
- Help a specific group of veterans, such as homeless veterans or veterans in need of employment.
- Contact a local Veterans Association residential home or hospital. Often times there are older vets who either are hospitalized or in residence, without family or friends around to keep them company during the holidays. Most of these centers plan fundraisers where you can further help. Contact them and check how you can best provide your service and time.
- Reach out to local military hospitals where disabled vets are in recovery. Typically there are pre-determined donation lists consisting of typical things that service members may need to aid in their recovery, such as blankets, gloves, DVDs, cookies and home-baked goods, socks and much more.
- Knit a veteran a lap blanket or quilt for use at a convalescent home.
- Donate your used car.

Ways to Help a Veteran

- Give monetarily
- Planned giving—wills, trusts, charitable gift annuities
- Organize a fundraiser (you can even do this online through Facebook)
- Volunteer
- Donate the Following:
 - › Airline/hotel and credit card points/miles
 - › Bonds or stocks
 - › Car
 - › Clothing
 - › Entertainment tickets
 - › Furniture
 - › Household items
 - › Toys
- Volunteer with Wreaths Across America. Each December they coordinate wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, in locations nationwide, at sea and abroad. If you're unable to participate, you can donate to help buy wreaths. ✧





CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES IN NEED

MILITARY BUDGETS, which are often already stretched to their limits, do not contain a lot of money for buying Christmas presents. However, military families are also some of the most deserving people during the holiday season. To help thank military families for the sacrifices made year-round, many organizations offer programs to make Christmas possible for deserving military families, especially those with children who deserve to have a joy-filled Christmas.

Here are some programs and options available to military families in need and how people can assist:

Pay Away The Lay Away

Military Benefits is proud to have partnered with Pay Away the Layaway to support military families by paying off their layaway balances at the Exchanges and retail stores. Pay Away Layaway is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization all volunteer organization, which means most of the money goes directly to military families.

Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays

Numerous organizations offer adopt-a-family programs. Military families who can show proof of need submit their wish lists to the organization and donors adopt the families by purchasing items from their wish lists for Christmas. Because of the popularity of adopt-a-family programs, you must fill out an application months before Christmas in order to get on the list. Pay attention to deadlines and get your application in as soon as the window opens, because spaces fill up fast.

Full Circle Home

Full Circle Home gives deployed servicemen a chance to send a gift box to their wives back home. Gift boxes contain pampering items, such as lotions, bubble baths and spa socks. They also feature a handwritten note from the serviceman.

Military Installation Support

The family centers at military installations offer assistance in many forms during the holidays, including programs such as Santa's Shop, in which donations are taken for military families in need. Contact the local installation for how you can help. For assistance, reach out to the Family Readiness Group, Chaplain or MWR.

Operation Christmas Spirit

Operation Christmas Spirit supports local military families in the form of holiday gratitude by: "Adopting" over 100 families and fulfilling their Christmas wish lists with gifts for all family members and gift cards to do their own shopping; Sponsor gifts and crafts at unit holiday parties; "Adopt" single Marines and sailors, giving them gifts and gifts cards to celebrate whether near or far from their families.

Operation Holiday Joy

Donate to Operation Holiday Joy. One hundred percent of your donation goes to food and toys this holiday season and you can designate your donation to a specific program.

Operation Homefront

Operation Homefront offers many programs for military families throughout the year and Christmas is no exception. The organization partners with Dollar Tree to provide toys for





military children. To receive a gift, you must register for your local Operation Homefront Toy Distribution. If your family lacks the funds for a holiday meal, you can also attend one of the organization's holiday meal events and receive all of the fixings for the perfect Christmas dinner.

Red Cross

The Red Cross provides many military family services including but not limited to financial assistance and deployment services.

Spirit of Sharing

The Adopt-A-Military Family program provides commissary cards, gifts, toys and much more to military families in need.

Soldiers' Angels

Soldiers' Angels sponsors Operation Outreach Holiday Support. Lower enlisted families can sign up to receive a \$50-\$100 gift card to help pay for a holiday meal and gifts for children ages 15 and under. Families must sign up for the program by December 15 and are matched with donors from around the United States.

Toys for Tots

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program collects new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distributes those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. The

program is for all children, including military kids.

Trees for Troops

Every family needs a Christmas tree and Tree for Troops, sponsored by the Christmas Spirit Foundation, offers free Christmas trees for military families. Trees are available at 62 bases throughout the United States.

Veterans Service Organizations

Many Veterans' Service Organizations provide a wide variety of holiday support to service members, veterans, and their families. Program benefits often include meals, food, gift cards, and adopt-a-family or adopt-a-veteran programs.

USO

Local USO offices provide a variety of holiday assistance programs including holiday dinners, events with Santa, toy and food drives and much more. Contact a local USO office.

Wreaths Across America

Donate to Wreaths Across America, which coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at Arlington, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. They organize a week of events including international veterans' tributes, ceremonies at state houses and a week-long "Veteran's Parade" between Maine and Virginia.



ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SUPPORT THE MILITARY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Care packages, holiday cards and letters, thanking our veterans and military families are all ways we can provide additional support.

Three Idaho Boys Show True Reverence for Our Flag

by Dale Wilson, National Historian

I WILL SOON BE BIDDING HAWAII “ALOHA” and moving to Hayden, Idaho. It thus pleased me greatly to see an article online describing how three boys tasked with lowering and folding Hayden Meadows Elementary School’s American flag went to great lengths to ensure it did not touch the ground.

According to Amanda Reallan, who had arrived a little early to pick up her children, the boys were struggling to fold the flag without letting it touch the ground. Suddenly, one of them laid down on the sidewalk between the other two boys to prevent that from happening.

Ms. Reallan recorded the event with her cellphone camera and later posted the photo on her Facebook

page to show “how these boys went above and beyond to respect our nation’s flag!” The photo soon went viral.

The boys—Jack LeBrick, Casey Dolan, and Naylan Tuttle—learned respect for the flag and how to handle it properly from school custodian “Mac” McCarty, according to NBC affiliate KHQ-TV of nearby Spokane. McCarty, a 20-year Air Force veteran, expressed pride for all three after watching LeBrick crawl under the flag to protect it.

People from around the nation have been contacting the school to offer their thanks to the boys for their inspirational efforts. My hope is that our members—especially the Americanism officers in our departments and chapters—will take the time to send a note of encouragement to Principal Lisa Pica to pass along to the boys. The address is: Hayden Meadows Elementary School, 900 E. Hayden Ave., Hayden, ID 83835. ✧



Casey Dolan and Naylan Tuttle fold their school’s American flag as Jack LeBrick lies beneath it to keep it from touching the ground.



NEXEN NEXEN TIRE

AMERICAN MUSCLE FOR AMERICAN HEROES

Nexen Tire Launches 'American Muscle For American Heroes' Program

PARTNERSHIP WITH PURPLE HEART FOUNDATION HONORS WOUNDED SERVICE MEMBERS' SACRIFICE TO NATION

NEXEN TIRE AMERICA, Inc., a worldwide leader in high-performance, passenger, SUV/light truck and winter tire technology, has announced American Muscle for American Heroes, an all-new program designed to honor a well-deserving veteran who has been wounded in combat and awarded the Purple Heart medal. Nexen Tire partnered with the Purple Heart Foundation to help select a Purple Heart recipient to receive an iconic American muscle car, a custom Nexen Tire Purple Heart Dodge Challenger. Nexen Tire is showing its gratitude for the safety and security provided by U.S. service members and intends to honor those American heroes through the giveaway. The custom Nexen Tire Purple Heart Dodge Challenger is equipped with Nexen Roadian HP Street Sport All-Season Radial Tires.

To help with the build, Nexen Tire reached out to several other leading automotive aftermarket companies to transform a 2018 Dodge Challenger R/T 392 SCAT Pack into the custom Nexen Tire Purple Heart Dodge Challenger. Renowned car builder Kenny Pfitzer, with Zero to 60 Designs, led the entire build, which will debut at this year's SEMA Show in Las Vegas.

The custom Nexen Tire Purple Heart Dodge Challenger build includes:

- Nexen Roadian HP Street Sport All-Season Radial Tires
- VIS Racing carbon fiber hood, front bumper, deck lid and splitters
- PPG custom paint job

- Eibach front and rear sway bars
- MagnaFlow cat-back exhaust system
- ORACLE Lighting custom headlights
- SolarGard window tint
- SAVINI wheels

“Nexen Tire understands the incredible sacrifice made by U.S. service members and we are honored to have the opportunity to give back to a deserving veteran as part of our American Muscle for American Heroes program,” said Kyle Roberts, senior director of marketing at Nexen Tire America Inc. “Purple Heart recipients have displayed unbelievable courage in the line of duty and we are humbled by their bravery and contributions as veterans. This program is our way of saying thank you to these heroes for securing our safety, as we continue to work hard to keep drivers safe on the road by manufacturing some of the world’s highest-quality tires.”

Representing the Purple Heart Foundation and supporting the American Muscle for American Heroes program at SEMA will be U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Petry, Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipient. Petry

was wounded in Afghanistan in 2008 serving in Operation Enduring Freedom.

“As a Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipient, I am extremely proud to be working with Nexen Tire and their American Muscle for American Heroes program,” said Petry. “I have served alongside many outstanding service members and I can say every one of them is a hero. I am confident the Purple Heart Foundation will find a very deserving veteran to receive this amazing custom Nexen Tire Purple Heart Dodge Challenger.”

Nexen Tire began collecting nominees, for approximately 11 weeks, on Oct. 1. The nomination process has been simplified and allows submissions on Facebook and Instagram when using the hashtag #NEXENHero to nominate a Purple Heart recipient or family member. The nomination process requires three pieces of information for each submission: a story, a picture and the #NEXENHero hashtag. Nexen Tire will also have a nomination form on its website for those who choose not to make a submission via social media.

Please visit www.nexentireusa.com/nexenhero for more information and official giveaway rules. ✖

NOMINATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

#NEXENHERO



UPLOAD PHOTO

Find a photo of your Purple Heart recipient* to post to your Instagram or Facebook page†.

*Nominee must be a purple heart recipient to qualify.

†Facebook and Instagram pages must be public for nominee to be entered successfully.



TELL US WHY

Write a brief reason why you are nominating the specific individual and why they deserve some *American Muscle* for their service. If the nominee has an Instagram or Facebook page, tag them in the post.*

*Nominee does not need to be tagged to be entered to win.



#NEXENHERO

At the end of your post, be sure to add the hash tag #NEXENHERO to be entered successfully. Once complete, post to your public Instagram or Facebook profile.

Or Nominate Online at: nexentireusa.com/nexenhero

WOUNDED WARRIORS

Family Support Programs

THE FAMILIES OF OUR COMBAT-WOUNDED SUFFER GREATLY—emotionally, psychologically and financially. The overwhelming stress of the recovery process can threaten to tear a family apart.

Wounded Warriors Family Support provides family retreats to combat-wounded veterans and their families by sending them to Orlando, Fla., or Yellowstone National Park.

Family retreats give wounded veterans the opportunity to decompress and share in positive experiences with their spouses and children, strengthening the bonds of their families and making lasting memories.

We provide the families of wounded or injured veterans and the widows and children of our fallen heroes with six nights at Bahama Bay Resort and passes to Universal Orlando, Sea World Orlando and LEGOLAND Florida, or families may choose four nights in the peaceful, non-stress environment of Yellowstone National Park.

www.woundedwarriorsfamilysupport.org



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

WOUNDED WARRIORS FAMILY SUPPORT is a Purple Heart-preferred organization. If the veteran has not been awarded the Purple Heart the following eligibility requirements apply:

- > An 80-100% or greater, combined disability rating with a single physical disability rating of 30% or greater for injuries or wounds sustained during combat in one of the following specific categories:
- > Blindness/loss of vision
- > Severe Burns
- > Spinal cord injury/paralysis
- > Traumatic Brain Injury
- > Must have dependent children



The Will To Survive

John Zale

SINCE 1982, John Zale had been an active member of MOPH New York Chapter 0264. For 30 years, little more was known about Zale other than he was a WWII Army veteran who was a Purple Heart recipient. Zale was always busy, especially at the VA or with the Boy Scouts, but was always available when the chapter needed some manpower. It wasn't until after his death in 2012 that the true story was told by his daughter Karen, who had both authored and published the book.

The Will to Survive is a detailed story of strife and valor as well as despair and hope. Zale (né Zubrzycki) served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater. His story is one of survival. Being wounded in action during

the Battle of Bataan in the Philippine Islands, he survived the notorious Bataan Death March when the troops were surrendered to the Japanese Imperial Army. As a prisoner of war he endured unimaginable horror on the hell ship that took him to Mukden, Manchuria, where he was a POW for three-and-a-half years. His story is one of beatings, starvation, torture, tropical diseases, malnutrition, slave labor and human medical experimentation.

"After the war," says the book, "the liberated prisoners of war were ordered not to discuss their experience with anyone. The men returned home but Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) had not yet been identified. Zale was able to deal with the mental trauma by involving him-

self with his Boy Scout troop, family and assisting other veterans. The purpose of this book is to be a voice for the voiceless. To tell the story of what the dauntless prisoners of war endured.

Moreover, Karen Zale explains, this is a story of hope. Her father found a path that helped him deal with PTSD. Perhaps his story will be an inspiration to others." (*The Vilager*—Ellicottville, N.Y.)

The Will to Survive is available online at www.lulu.com/shop/karen-zale/the-will-to-survive/paperback/product-23767332.html. The author is donating all profits to WNYHeroes, Inc.

RONALD KRUL



IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOPH BYLAWS, we are sharing the minutes from the 2018 National Convention held in Spokane, WA.

- Monday July 30th – NFC & NEC Meetings
- Tuesday July 31st – Convention Business, Legislative, Publications & Bylaw Committee Meetings
- Wednesday August 1st – Convention Business
- Thursday August 2nd – Convention Business
- Friday August 3rd – Convention Business, NEC & NFC Meetings

mophnationalconvention.org/minutes-from-the-2018-national-convention/

CHAPTER 366, NJ, just about a year and a half ago, was about to disband. With the initiative of Joe Foti, commander at the time, the chapter paperwork was put in order and it became alive once again. Foti resigned as commander since then, due to health issues, but the band of brothers who are active have been participating in parades, fundraisers, celebrations of Purple Heart Day and hosting a Purple Heart Truck Run event.



Picture of Chapter 366 at our Christmas Party, December 2017. Center in Purple Jacket is John Marshal, WWII veteran who took part in the Battle of the Bulge. Next to him (on John's left) is Dominick DiPaolo, Korean War veteran. Sitting on right of Marshal is Past National Commander Neil VanEss.



Chapter 366 preparing to step off at the Clifton Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2018.



Chapter 366 paying respect to those who came before us: Purple Heart Day, August 7th, 2018, at the Clifton, NJ, MOPH monument

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CHAPTER 7110 COMMANDER Duane Hodge receives an award from Department Commander Ryan Sabinish, for



the greatest percentage increase of new members by a chapter in the country. The award was given to the Department Commander at the National Convention in Spokane, Wash. Chapter 7110, which meets in Rochester, Minn., had 23 new members last fiscal year.

OVER 700 ITEMS WERE delivered from Pepsi Distributing in West Branch and Alpena, Michigan. These items were collected and donated to the Department of Michigan Auxiliary's project, Backpacks for Homeless Veterans. This is the third year with this project and it is well re-



Travis Kurian, Kristi Morin and PNP Terri Shattuck.

ceived at the homeless shelters and VA hospitals. Members pack anywhere from 100 to 200 backpacks with toiletries, warm socks and hats, gloves, drink mixes, a blanket and numerous items that have been donated to the project. With the help of all Michigan units and chapters the project has been very successful.

Some of the women packing backpacks for homeless veterans.



Items packed in the backpacks by Department of Michigan Auxiliary members.

Catfish Charlie's in Monroe, La.



CHAPTER AND UNIT # 331 Monroe/West Monroe, Louisiana members met for a celebration on August 7, 2018, for National Purple Heart Day. (Sadly two were not shown in the picture.) Dinner was paid for by Humana Insurance. They are always willing and ready to help out the veterans in the area. This was the second year to meet for lunch on National Purple Heart Day and they hope to make it a tradition. God bless our veterans!



CHAPTER 36 JACKSON, NJ, Commander Tim Baranyay receives \$200 from Frank Marmo, president of the Riverpoint Men's Club, Manchester, NJ. Commander Baranyay presented the history of the Purple Heart medal and the MOPH to the men's club. Looking on are Chapter 36 members Pat Scalzo and Ted Hamer.

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REUNIONS

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johndschmied@yahoo.com

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Toledo, WA 98591

Phone (928) 246-7927 or (928) 446-1580

Bill.Margie@yahoo.com



JULY 10, 2018. Chapter 115 hosted the National Purple Heart Truck Run. The event took place at the National WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Mo. L to R: Lenny Lazzara, Purple Heart Truck Run Driver & Commander, Department of North Carolina MOPH; Dr. Matthew Naylor, President & CEO, National WWI Museum & Memorial; Theresa Galvin, 6th District Legislator, Jackson County, MO; Walt Schley, Jr. Vice Commander, Department of MO, & Sr. Vice Commander, Chapter 115 Greater Kansas City, MOPH; James Donaldson, Purple Heart Truck Run Driver & works at the Idaho Secretary of State's Office; Michael Dickerson, Jackson County, MO Deputy Sheriff; Frank White, Jackson County, MO, County Executive; Ted Knox, Sr. Vice Commander, Department of MO, & Sr. Commander, Chapter 115 Greater Kansas City, MOPH; Scott Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem, Kansas City, MO; Crystal Williams, 2nd District at-Large Legislator, Jackson County, MO; Colonel Ben Kenney, Jackson County, MO Sheriff's Department; Toi Lee, National Anthem Singer, Federal Aviation Administration; Randy Vestal, Jackson County, MO Deputy Sheriff.



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mophhq.org/newsroom.html

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ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA, chapter 7110 finance officer Earl Kinneberg (right in picture) was presented with a Purple Heart clock with his name on it and the date he was wounded in Vietnam, from Department of Minnesota senior Vice Commander Ryan Sabinish (left in picture). The clock was given to represent the amount of time Earl has given for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. This will be his 5-year anniversary being a finance officer for the Rochester chapter.

TED KNOX, Commander of MOPH Chapter MO-115, presented Blue Springs, Mo., Ford dealership owner Bob Balderson with the Military Order of the Purple Heart Special Recognition Award. Bob Balderson stepped forward and volunteered to permanently fly the Purple Heart flag at his business. Blue Springs, Mo., Mayor Caron Ross was present for the award presentation and the raising of the Purple Heart flag. After the presentation, Balderson said he was going to purchase an even larger Purple Heart flag to fly to let the Blue Springs community to know his dealership supports our wounded combat veterans.



L to R: Blue Springs, Mo., Mayor Carson Ross (U.S. Army, Vietnam veteran), Blue Springs, Mo., Ford dealership owner Bob Balderson (a Marine Corps veteran) and Commander Ted Knox (Navy and Marine Corps, Vietnam veteran).

THE PURPLE HEART VETERANS of Florida and the MOPH Chapter 524 worked together in order to present three veterans with free electric wheelchairs and scooters to help with their mobility issues. Improving the quality of life of veterans and their families is one of the cornerstones of our organizations and we love providing any assistance we can. All three of these veterans live in Florida.



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CJIS Welcomes Purple Heart

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LOCAL COMBAT-WOUNDED VETERANS, from Chapter 418, 724 and 733 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, were welcomed by Assistant Director Douglas Lindquist to the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division in Clarksburg, WV. Section Chief McK-insey and staff of Biometric Services, Next Generation Identification (NGI), presented an overview of the use of fingerprints, iris scans, palm prints and facial recognition and the role of the FBI in their use.



In attendance, Purple Heart recipients from WWII, Korean War and the Vietnam War, were Okla and Arlene Edgell, Dwight and Gloria Davis, Denver and Loretta Marple, Harold and Bonita Wilson, Terry and Karen Feight, Danny Green, Wilbert Williams, Porter Southern, Benny Shifflett, Troy Varney, and Charles Baisden.



REP. TULSI GABBARD (D-HI) with Robert K. C. Young, US Army, Korean War veteran (1950).

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, represented the MOPH well as the Purple Heart Truck Run came through town.



FROM THE FEDEX CUP at the Northern Trust at the Ridgewood Country Club in New Jersey, Sgt. Charles Eggleston took part in Caddy for a Cure. Eggleston joined Brooks Koepka on the course. Caddy for a Cure is a non-profit organization that raises money to support notable charitable groups through its professional golf programs.

Throwback



ALOHA TO THE NATIONAL Convention in Waikiki, Hawaii! Aug. 16-20, 1988

Do you have a picture (and story) from a Military Order of the Purple Heart event from over 20 years ago?

Scan in the image and send it, along with a caption/story, to MagazineEditor@purpleheart.org



MRS. KLING, Robert K.C. Young, Past Vice Commander, with Hawaiian leis at Veteran's Day celebration in Hawaii.

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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)

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

Associate Member

Annotation: \$9.50

(in addition to cap price).

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\$0.60 each

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\$1.50 per letter

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Application for Life Membership

Military Order of the Purple Heart



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

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

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

Dues Schedule

Life Membership – \$50.00

Associate Life Membership – \$50.00

Fees submitted with Application for Membership are NON-REFUNDABLE.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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.

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Purple Heart Recipient

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

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

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

War Wounded ☐ WW2 ☐ Korea ☐ Vietnam ☐ OEF ☐ OIF ☐ OND ☐ Other _____

Date entered service _____ Date Departed Service/Discharged _____

Date wounded _____ Location of Engagement _____

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 ☐ DD-214 ☐ DD-215 ☐ Orders plus PH Certificate ☐ WD AGO 53-55

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

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

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

All information and requirements are subject to change without notice.

(Effective 08/21/18)

Price List

HEADQUARTERS SUPPLY LIST

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

Chapter & Department Flags & Banners

Please Note: Custom Orders are screen print

Item #S3000	Department Flag – White & US Color Set 4 1/3 x 5 1/2	Complete set with accessories to include: stands, flag poles, gilt eagle & gold spear, fringed chords, dust covers & flag carrying belts	\$450.00
Item #S3001	Department Flag – White 4 1/3 x 5 1/2 (Nylon)	Complete set with accessories to include: stand, flag pole, gold spear, fringed chord, dust cover & flag carrying belt	\$320.00
Item #S3002	Chapter Flag – Purple & US Color Set 4 1/3 x 5 1/2	Complete set with accessories to include: stands, flag poles, gilt eagle & gold spear, fringed chords, dust covers & flag carrying belts	\$450.00
Item #S3003	Chapter Flag – Purple & 4 1/3 x 5 1/2 (Nylon)	Complete set with accessories to include: stand, flag pole, gold spear, fringed chord, dust cover & flag carrying belt	\$320.00
Item #S3004	US Flag Fringed 4 1/3 x 5 1/2	Complete set with accessories to include: stand, flag pole, gilt eagle, fringed cord, dust cover & flag carrying belt	\$210.00
Item #S3010	Banner – Purple & Gold	Includes all accessories	\$275.00

Outdoor Flags

Please Note: Custom Orders are screen print

Item #S3005	Custom Outdoor Flag – 4' x 6' – Purple	Flag with white screen printed lettering – custom order item	\$300.00
Item #S3006	Custom Outdoor Flag – 4' x 6' – White	Flag with white screen printed lettering – custom order item	\$300.00
Item #S3007	Outdoor Flag – 3' x 5' – Purple	Flag with white screen printed lettering	\$70.00



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 _____

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.

Witnessed by _____
Date _____ Unit # _____ Birthdate _____

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

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

Date Received _____
Type Member _____
Certification by _____
Amount Paid _____
Member # _____



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AUXILIARY SUPPLY LIST 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
205	PATCH – Associate Member, embroidered ¾ x 3 inch	\$ 3.00
401	FLAG SET – American and MOPHA 4"x 6" on 10" pole w/stand 3 piece set \$15.00....MOPHA FLAG only \$8.00	
402	CHARTER – Department or Unit, includes 10 names (add \$1.00 per additional name)	\$50.00
403	CBL – Constitution, Bylaws, Rules & Regulations, Rituals, and Standing Rules – Specify Large or Small	\$13.00
405	DIRECTORY 2017–18	\$ 5.00
406	CONVENTION MINUTES on Disc	\$ 5.00
407	MEMBERSHIP CARD REPLACEMENT (Contact Membership Officer)	\$ 5.00
409	BOOKMARKS package of 25 (prewrapped)	\$ 5.00

ALL prices include shipping charges. No tax.

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

Make check or money order payable to: MOPHA

Orders should be sent to:

Judy Fiddler – National Secretary MOPHA

1231 – 13th St. SE

Massillon, OH 44646

Phone: 330-481-4731 • Email: mophauxsec@gmail.com

MOPHA caps are ordered through Keystone Uniform Cap Corporation
2251 Fraley Street, Philadelphia, PA 19137 • Phone: 215-821-3434 • Fax: 215-821-3438
Online orders can be processed at: **www.keystoneuniformcap.com/MOPHA**



Your Auxiliary in Action

OUR AUXILIARY PROMOTES PATRIOTIC, fraternal, historical and educational initiatives. Preserving and strengthening friendship among our members is another important objective. To accomplish our mission, it is the responsibility of each member, unit and department to assist the Patriots, chapters and departments of the Order. Veterans across the country are served when we accomplish these objectives!

One of our most important initiatives is the Helping our Veterans (HOV) Program. After a successful pilot year in 2017-2018, the HOV program has been extended for another year. Funds are available for units and departments to create projects to help and support veterans. During the initial year of the program, 19 units and departments participated.

Some of the past HOV Projects included an ice cream social with root beer and purple (grape) ice cream floats for over 150 veterans in Nebraska. One Southern California unit sponsored a meet and greet with coffee, sandwiches and cookies to acknowledge and appreciate our older veterans residing in a veterans' home. Florida Unit 776 provided Christmas cards to veterans. The Department of Wisconsin provided blankets for women veterans. Michigan Unit 1985 provided hats and blankets for veterans; Georgia Unit 425 sponsored a Christmas drop-in for veterans and their families. Unit 2001 is currently helping veterans that were impacted by the Carr Fire with HOV funds.

The HOV program is only one of the ways the Auxiliary supports our Patriots and helps our veterans. Here are some other ways your Auxiliary is in action:

Facilitating the donation of knitted and crochet hats, scarves and blankets for veterans in VA hospitals and homes across the country through the "We've Got you

Covered Program"

- Providing scholarships to veterans and their families
- Packing backpacks for homeless veterans
- Providing bus passes for veterans and patients at the VA
- Participating in Veterans Day parades
- Visiting our sick and home bound veterans through the MOPHA Senior Heroes Project
- Attending funeral services to honor our veterans
- Supporting our own members many of whom are caregivers for our veterans
- Advocating on a daily basis with health care providers, the VA, insurers and our legislators

As we celebrate 2018-2019 as the Year Of The Unit, we appreciate all of the dedication and hard work of our members across the nation as they serve our veterans.

The Auxiliary has been called the backbone of the Order. We work closely with our chapters to meet the needs of our Patriots and members. With our name change last year to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary (MOPHA), we are expanding our membership base. Members now include spouses, siblings, children, grandchildren and parents of Purple Heart recipients. As we become more family-oriented and reach out to our junior members and post-9/11 family members, we encourage you to invite your family to join. ✧

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH: *Circle of Care, A guidebook for Mental Health Caregivers* published by the National Alliance for Caregiving. This resource is designed to guide unpaid friends, family and neighbors who care for someone with a mental health condition. The fact sheets are intended to assist these caregivers with finding help. **Web link:** www.caregiving.org/circleofcare



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Enclose payment in full making checks payable to:
MOPH Viola Program

Prices include shipping & handling. Orders cannot be sent to a Post Office Box.



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

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



Quilt Raffle Will Assist with Fundraising —Enter Now!

THANK YOU SO MUCH to everyone who has supported and encouraged me on the journey to election as your Junior Vice President (JVP) this year. I really look forward to working with everyone this year and making sure each member gets communication and updates.

One of my duties as JVP is Ways and Means (fundraising). One of the items we will have

this year is a quilt raffle. Zina Steinsiek, of Florida, graciously offered to donate two quilts. We have both a king and a queen quilt with shams that include Purple Heart embroidery on the quilt and shams.

Additionally, at the request of a number of members, we will have the flag lapel pins that have ribbon hanging to hold your MOPHA or other pins.



Lastly, I will be sending out periodic suggestions for fundraising for our members within your units and departments. If you need assistance with ideas on ways to raise money, feel free to reach out to me.



Please know that I'm here to help support you to make your regions, departments and units more successful. If you're a member reading this that doesn't have a department or unit, please reach out and make sure we have your contact details so you can stay informed. ✧

ORDER FORM FOR RAFFLE TICKETS or LAPEL PINS

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

I would like to purchase _____ quilt raffle tickets at \$2.00 each for a total of \$ _____

I would like to purchase _____ lapel pins at \$12.00 each for a total of \$ _____

Mail form and money to: Amanda Flener – 220 EL Harris Rd, Fitzgerald, GA 31750

Call 229-325-8106 with questions

Allow up to 6 weeks for delivery for pins. Raffle Ticket stubs will be emailed back to you.

First winner gets choice of size.

Following the Stars

WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING of our holiday season, the time of the year that we gather together with family and friends to give thanks for our many blessings. It is also a time that we remember three wise men following a star to find a baby born in a stable, a baby who came to save mankind.

Just as those wise men followed that star, on Veterans Day we must remember there were men and women who followed stars on a flag to protect this country and its freedoms. These veterans have given us one of the best gifts one can receive from man, freedom. So on Veterans Day take the time to honor and thank our veterans. Thank God for instilling in the heart of each veteran a willingness to follow the flag with the stars and for their bravery and sacrifices. "All gave some, some gave all."

We then transcend into Thanksgiving where we gather to share great meals, memories and loads of football with family and friends, but for many there will be an empty chair due to the sacrifice that their veteran has made for that precious

gift called freedom. They followed the stars on a flag.

Later we get busy baking, shopping and going to holiday parties, all leading to the celebration of the birth of Christ—a baby born in a stable, who came to save mankind, just as veterans serve to save this country and keep it safe. There will be many families who will be celebrating without a loved one, whether it be from death or from serving our country on domestic soil or in a foreign land. They have all given us that precious gift called freedom. They all followed the stars on a flag.

As you sit down to enjoy your Thanksgiving dinners and unwrap your gifts during the Christmas holiday, remember to say a prayer for our veterans and their families, always giving thanks to God for those who gave us the precious gift of freedom by following the stars.

Merry Christmas and may God bless each of you and your loved ones during this season. ✧



All gave some, some gave all

MOPHA In Memoriam



Reported Aug. 1 – Sep. 30, 2018*

Name	City	DEPT	Unit	Deceased
Alice Barrett	San Diego	CA	49	19 May 2018
Veronica Beasley	Martinez	GA	425	24 July 2018
Barbara Carr	Austin	TX	1919	3 August 2018
Mary Faoro	San Diego	CA	49	17 August 2016
Cecilia Flores	San Diego	CA	49	30 November 2006
Michaela Geigle	Brownsburg	IN	260	17 August 2018
Barbara Isaac	Jamul	CA	136	4 February 2014
Dorothy J Keim	Walton	NE	200	11 May 2013
Annette Leveillee	Escondido	CA	49	21 April 2001

Name	City	DEPT	Unit	Deceased
Mary Mates		FL	717	29 June 2013
Mary Ellen Pierce		Co.	423	24 June 2018
Florence Pilla		FL	717	25 August 2016
Dorothy J Stromboli	Debar	FL	776	September 2017
Mary E Timmons	Huachoca	AZ	572	18 August 2016
Mary Zazas	Poway	CA.	49	26 April 2015

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

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



Thresholds Of Opportunities

GREETINGS FROM MICHIGAN. I want to thank Region II for your support and encouragement in electing me as your Region II President, representing Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Yes, I am ready to step up to the plate and dig in. Grab your shovel and join me. I have a

passion for our current soldiers and veterans and their families. My husband, Douglas Larabel, retired from the U.S. Army with over 23 years. I loved our military life and love being with our brothers and sisters in the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

We have many thresholds of opportunities within the MOPHA. Some doorways are small and some doorways are large enough to walk through.

- Communication opportunities: Newsletter, Zoom Conference Calls, Facebook, Email, Phone Calls and texting. Share your photos of your events/projects with your region presidents to place in our newsletters/magazines for other units to obtain ideas to help veterans.
- Encouraging each other in the small things to start.

- Recognizing others' abilities, skills and gifts.
- Problems provide opportunities for change, growth and how we can do something better.
- Opportunity to increase our membership consisting of parents, grandparents, spouses, widows, widowers, siblings, children and grandchildren of persons who have been awarded the Purple Heart.
- Procrastination leads to a lost opportunity.

As we walk through each doorway of opportunity, let us pick up our shovels and dig in. I encourage you to read the Constitution, Bylaws and Procedures Manual, as it is a great resource in functioning within the MOPHA.

As we celebrate Veteran's Day, November 11, we say welcome home, thank you for your service. ✧

RICK AND BARB CHERONE made a presentation to Darlene Rogers, Department of Wisconsin President, of two afghans that were knitted and donated by an incarcerated veteran. The afghans were raffled off at the department convention and added over \$200 to the Ways and Means.



OMAHA MOPHA UNIT 260 collected baby items for 28 Omaha mothers and families: diapers, lotions, clothing, toys, towels and baby blankets made by Jean Windreich. These items were given during an event at Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System on May 6. Members, from left, are Elaine Kemper; Linda Eledge; Barbara Counihan,

REGION II EVENTS



Department of Nebraska President and Omaha Unit Secretary, and Jean Windreich, Omaha Unit President.

MOPH AND MOPHA, 91 Lamoreaux, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on August 7 combined efforts at a local Family Fare with viola donations totaling \$640.20! Members, from



left: Doug Besteman, Patriot; Doug Larabel, Chapter Treasurer; Chris Cole, Unit President; Karen Larabel, Region II President; Ardis Keizer, national musician and Unit Jr. Vice President.

Taps

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

Dept	Chapter	Name	Service	War	
AL-4	2202-AL-4	Elvin R Landers	AR	KR	Life Member
AL-4	2206-AL-4	James M Eubanks	AR	KR	Life Member
AK-3	0593-AK-3	William F Gavin	MC	VN	Life Member
AK-3	0593-AK-3	Dan A Loy	AR	VN	Life Member
AK-3	0675-AK-3	Leonard Rison, Sr	AR	W2	Life Member
AK-3	0830-AK-3	James L West, Jr	NV	VN	Life Member
AZ-6	0442-AZ-6	Patrick Michael Ryan	AR	VN	Life Member
AZ-6	0442-AZ-6	Joe T Stroud, Jr	AR	VN	Life Member
AZ-6	0442-AZ-6	Donald E Williams	AF	W2	Life Member
AZ-6	0472-AZ-6	John S McCain	NV	VN	Life Member
AZ-6	0572-AZ-6	John P Torp	AR	VN	Life Member
AR-5	0587-AR-5	Firmo Santiago	AR	VN	Life Member
CA-6	0049-CA-6	Danny Lee Clark	AR	VN	Life Member
CA-6	0049-CA-6	Don L Henry	AR	W2	Life Member
CA-6	0049-CA-6	Louis Scott Markel	AR	VN	Life Member
CA-6	0049-CA-6	Raymond M Owen, Sr	MC	VN	Life Member
CA-6	0083-CA-6	Louie J Acosta	AR	VN	Life Member
CA-6	0392-CA-6	Edward Joseph Chesley	AR	VN	Life Member
CA-6	0493-CA-6	Donald B Greenlaw	MC	KR	Life Member
CA-6	0493-CA-6	Robert O Tilley	MC	VN	Life Member
CA-6	0729-CA-6	Richard R Jimenez	AR	VN	Life Member
CA-6	0750-CA-6	David Raphael	AR	W2	Life Member
CA-6	1898-CA-6	Solomon Schwartz	AF	W2	Life Member
CA-6	2929-CA-6	Anthony C Acevedo	AR	W2	Life Member
CO-5	0375-CO-5	Richard R Huffman	AR	KR	Life Member
CO-5	0434-CO-5	Robert M Hanlin	NV	W2	Life Member
CO-5	0735-CO-5	Joe S Martellaro	AF	W2	Life Member
CT-1	0103-CT-1	Dennis C Johnson	AR	VN	Life Member
FL-4	0400-FL-4	James R Douthat	AR	VN	Life Member
FL-4	0400-FL-4	George W Starks	AR	KR	Life Member
FL-4	0400-FL-4	Fred M Strohm	AR	W2	Life Member
FL-4	0601-FL-4	Wilmer L Mathews	AR	KR	Life Member
FL-4	0696-FL-4	William S Monastero	AR	VN	Life Member
FL-4	0717-FL-4	Albin F Irzyk	AR	W2	Life Member
FL-4	0758-FL-4	Jose Alicea-Ortiz	AR	KR	Life Member
FL-4	0776-FL-4	John J Foley	MC	W2	Life Member
FL-4	0795-FL-4	Thomas R Cahal	AR	VN	Life Member
FL-4	0795-FL-4	James M Davis	AR	W2	Life Member
FL-4	0795-FL-4	James E Johnson	MC	VN	Life Member
FL-4	0795-FL-4	James T Taylor	AR	VN	Life Member
FL-4	1963-FL-4	Charles C Patton	AR	VN	Life Member
FL-4	DML-FL-4	Julian P Ferraro	MC	VN	Life Member
FL-4	DML-FL-4	Andres A Fontanez	AR	VN	Life Member
FL-4	DML-FL-4	Robert Senechek	AF	VN	Life Member
GA-4	0492-GA-4	Michael E Magill	AR	VN	Life Member
GA-4	0525-GA-4	Charles E Johnson	AR	VN	Life Member
GA-4	0531-GA-4	Philip Basinger	AR	VN	Life Member
GA-4	0531-GA-4	Don L Estes	AR	VN	Life Member
GA-4	0596-GA-4	David M Foreman	AR	W2	Life Member
GA-4	1000-GA-4	Joseph C Ballentine	AR	W2	Life Member
GA-4	1000-GA-4	Ben Montgomery Cart	AR	KR	Life Member
GA-4	1000-GA-4	William L Danforth	AR	VN	Life Member
GA-4	1000-GA-4	Alfred Ray	NV	W2	Life Member
GA-4	1000-GA-4	Lawrence G Willis	AR	W2	Life Member
GA-4	DML-GA-4	J C Lilly, Jr	MC	VN	Life Member
GA-4	DML-GA-4	Albert Monroe Taylor	MC	VN	Life Member
HI-6	0483-HI-6	Robert L McKee	AR	VN	Life Member

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HI-6	0483-HI-6	Taro Suzuki	AR	W2	Life Member
HI-6	0483-HI-6	Thomas V Vitale	MC	VN	Life Member
HI-6	0483-HI-6	John Woolston	NV	W2	Life Member
IL-2	0159-IL-2	Billy J Saunders	MC	KR	Life Member
IL-2	0575-IL-2	Edward Leonard Allen	AR	VN	Life Member
KS-5	0558-KS-5	Eldon L Stanley	MC	KR	Life Member
KS-5	0688-KS-5	Lonnie D Wright	AR	W2	Life Member
KY-2	0585-KY-2	James R Gingery	AR	VN	Life Member
LA-5	0177-LA-5	Ronald M Chapman, Jr	MC	VN	Life Member
LA-5	0177-LA-5	Royce C Hempel	NV	VN	Life Member
LA-5	0331-LA-5	Martin A Kutz	MC	KR	Life Member
LA-5	0351-LA-5	William E Depingre	MC	KR	Life Member
LA-5	0351-LA-5	Clifford L Eichler	NV	W2	Life Member
LA-5	0351-LA-5	Carl D Ferguson, Jr	AR	W2	Life Member
LA-5	0351-LA-5	Richard L Garner	AR	VN	Life Member
LA-5	0504-LA-5	Glenn J Fleming	AF	VN	Life Member
LA-5	0504-LA-5	Herbert E Savoy	AR	W2	Life Member
LA-5	0727-LA-5	Michael R Hagan, Sr	AR	VN	Life Member
LA-5	0741-LA-5	Robert F Lance	MC	KR	Life Member
MD-1	0122-MD-1	David P Keating	AR	VN	Life Member
MD-1	2222-MD-1	Ollie P Anderson, Jr	AR	VN	Life Member
MD-1	2222-MD-1	Charles L Atkins	MC	KR	Life Member
MD-1	2222-MD-1	Charles F Hill	AR	VN	Life Member
MA-1	0831-MA-1	Henry Degrace	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Louis A Belair	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Harold L Brown	AR	VN	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Robert J Butman	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	John J Corte	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Robert B Coull, Jr	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Nelson J Dion	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	William C Falk, Sr	MC	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	David J Fennessey	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Russell E Frizzell	MC	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Fernand D Girard	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Paul E Gobeille	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	George E Hogan	MC	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Benjamin P Holmes	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Raymond M Kary	MC	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	John P Kiley	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Elliott P Koerber	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Owen J Maisano	MC	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	John J J McMullan	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Peter P Paldino	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Kenneth E Reynolds	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Louis N Stamas	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Roland E Stumpf	AF	W2	Life Member
MA-1	0875-MA-1	Arthur W Tupper	AR	W2	Life Member
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MA-1	DML-MA-1	Peter F Booras	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	DML-MA-1	Joseph D Cericola	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	DML-MA-1	Franklin Fryer	MC	W2	Life Member
MA-1	DML-MA-1	Frank P Goodwin, Jr	MC	W2	Life Member
MA-1	DML-MA-1	Pierre A Rinfret	AR	W2	Life Member
MA-1	DML-MA-1	Alexander A Vespaziani	MC	W2	Life Member
MI-2	0041-MI-2	William R Pierce	AR	W2	Life Member
MI-2	0180-MI-2	Robert S Likam	AR	W2	Life Member
MI-2	0459-MI-2	Robert W Fletcher	AR	KR	Life Member

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MI-2	0799-MI-2	Russell E McLogan	AR	W2	Life Member
MI-2	0799-MI-2	Philip J Rosenberger	AR	W2	Life Member
MI-2	1985-MI-2	Douglas L Jones	AR	VN	Life Member
MN-2	0056-MN-2	Edward G Schaumburg	AR	KR	Life Member
MN-2	0194-MN-2	Larry C Bahls	MC	VN	Life Member
MN-2	0194-MN-2	Kenneth R Hensel	MC	VN	Life Member
MN-2	0268-MN-2	Wayne W Blue	AR	KR	Life Member
MN-2	0268-MN-2	James Raymond Larson	MC	VN	Life Member
MN-2	0308-MN-2	Ronald T Wilson	AR	VN	Life Member
MN-2	0987-MN-2	Edward J Strohmayer	AR	KR	Life Member
MN-2	1977-MN-2	Virgil Burfeind	AR	W2	Life Member
MN-2	1977-MN-2	John R Dahl	AR	W2	Life Member
MN-2	1977-MN-2	Donald R Johnson	AR	W2	Life Member
MS-4	0801-MS-4	Ray C Dyer	AR	W2	Life Member
MS-4	0801-MS-4	Clarence M Parker	AR	W2	Life Member
MS-4	DML-MS-4	Frankie W Kowalski, Sr	MC	VN	Life Member
MO-2	0115-MO-2	J B Harle	AR	KR	Life Member
MO-2	0115-MO-2	Ronald J Sheldon	AR	VN	Life Member
MO-2	0821-MO-2	Robert D Close	AR	W2	Life Member
MO-2	DML-MO-2	Duane E Crawford	MC	VN	Life Member
NE-2	0200-NE-2	Leonard L Sisel	MC	KR	Life Member
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NE-2	0632-NE-2	Keith Houck	AR	VN	Life Member
NV-6	0711-NV-6	James L Meshot	AR	W2	Life Member
NV-6	0719-NV-6	Peter F D Fear	AR	VN	Life Member
NV-6	0719-NV-6	William J Maltman	AR	VN	Life Member
NJ-1	0010-NJ-1	Robert B Jackson	AR	W2	Life Member
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NJ-1	0036-NJ-1	Joseph A Naimo	AR	W2	Life Member
NJ-1	0036-NJ-1	Adam A Vorraro	AR	W2	Life Member
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NJ-1	0701-NJ-1	Terry W Harris	AR	VN	Life Member
NM-5	0176-NM-5	Hector D Salgado	AR	VN	Life Member
NM-5	0372-NM-5	William A Hudson	MC	W2	Life Member
NM-5	1966-NM-5	Robert L Kollars	AR	W2	Life Member
NM-5	2004-NM-5	Gary L Williams	AF	VN	Life Member
NY-1	0187-NY-1	Richard W Collins	AR	W2	Life Member
NY-1	0264-NY-1	Terrence L Partsch	AR	VN	Life Member
NC-4	0285-NC-4	Thomas E Lail	MC	VN	Life Member
NC-4	0634-NC-4	Ronnie D Nash	MC	VN	Life Member
NC-4	0634-NC-4	William C Wilson	AR	VN	Life Member
NC-4	0639-NC-4	Wilfred J Catalon	MC	VN	Life Member
NC-4	0639-NC-4	Herbert L Clements	AR	VN	Life Member
NC-4	0639-NC-4	Herman E Godwin	MC	KR	Life Member
NC-4	0642-NC-4	William F Deaton	MC	VN	Life Member
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NC-4	2226-NC-4	Julius D Elliott	AR	VN	Life Member
NC-4	DML-NC-4	Joseph Robert Edwards, Jr	AR	VN	Life Member
NC-4	DML-NC-4	Charlie D Stephens	NV	W2	Life Member
NN-1	0395-NN-1	Bernard C Adams	AR	VN	Life Member
OH-2	0148-OH-2	Daniel L Shaw	AR	VN	Life Member
OH-2	0473-OH-2	Adolph B Sittinger, Jr	AR	W2	Life Member
OH-2	0625-OH-2	William J Coutts	AR	W2	Life Member
OH-2	0699-OH-2	Roy C Riley	NV	W2	Life Member

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OH-2	0699-OH-2	Ralph F Witt	AR	W2	Life Member
OK-5	0589-OK-5	James A Alspaugh	AR	W2	Life Member
OK-5	0589-OK-5	Edward D Karr	AR	VN	Life Member
OK-5	0589-OK-5	Thomas Jefferson Rankin	AR	W2	Life Member
OR-3	0551-OR-3	James A Orr	AR	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0011-PA-1	Philip J Avillo, Jr	MC	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0011-PA-1	John F Bagienski	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0011-PA-1	Richard C Bowers	AR	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0011-PA-1	Paul A Bradigan	MC	KR	Life Member
PA-1	0011-PA-1	Paul H Duggan	AR	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0034-PA-1	William J Corfont	MC	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0034-PA-1	Stanley W Kuzlinski	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0034-PA-1	Louis Palone	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0034-PA-1	John H Riffle	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0034-PA-1	Joseph B Sieverski	MC	KR	Life Member
PA-1	0034-PA-1	Joseph Vallango	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0034-PA-1	Norman W Waldman	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0107-PA-1	Raymond N Carini	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0107-PA-1	Jack E Humphreville	AR		Life Member
PA-1	0107-PA-1	Francis D Rineer	MC	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0190-PA-1	Robert K Benner	MC	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0190-PA-1	Daniel L Curatola	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0190-PA-1	Edward G Graham, Jr	MC	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0190-PA-1	Francis C Lowell	AR	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0190-PA-1	Robert F Matlack	AF	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0190-PA-1	Miriam Schroeder			Associate
PA-1	0190-PA-1	Wayne D Swisher	AR	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0190-PA-1	Joseph A Weber	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0390-PA-1	Thomas J Blemings	AR	KR	Life Member
PA-1	0390-PA-1	Charles L Danner	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0390-PA-1	William M Fredericks	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0390-PA-1	Kenneth R Morgan	AR	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0390-PA-1	Robert Jacob Sipe, Jr	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	William J Balzer	MC	VN	Life Member
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PA-1	0455-PA-1	Andrew Cherok	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Alfred W Destefino	AR		Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Marko F Dinello	MC	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	William A Finn	AR	KR	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	James E Fowler	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	William C Frantz	MC	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Raymond F Fritz	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Richard Gendek	AR	VN	Life Member
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PA-1	0455-PA-1	Scott Havelka	MC	LN	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Regis W Helch	MC	KR	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	George J Hromi, Jr	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	James E Jablonowski	NV	KR	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Stanley Jackowski	AR	KR	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	William A Johnston	MC	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Robert A Kobosky	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Stephen J Korba	AF	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Frank A Kravetz	AF	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Larry S Kushner	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Henry R Madoff	AR	W2	Life Member
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PA-1	0455-PA-1	John Petruska	AR	W2	Life Member	TX-5	1919-TX-5	Jesse J Farmer	MC	W2	Life Member
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PA-1	0455-PA-1	Carl J Roell	MC	KR	Life Member	TX-5	1935-TX-5	Jasper R Northcutt	AR	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Ronald Rollinson	AR	VN	Life Member	TX-5	1935-TX-5	Dale A Walker	NV	VN	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Donald R Schultz	AR	KR	Life Member	TX-5	1937-TX-5	Truett W Roberts	AR	W2	Life Member
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PA-1	0455-PA-1	Daniel A Sorbo	AR	W2	Life Member	TX-5	3077-TX-5	James B Stewart	AR	VN	Life Member
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PA-1	0455-PA-1	Steve Urick	AR	W2	Life Member	TX-5	5077-TX-5	Pedro Lopez	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Nicholas A Viglione	AR	W2	Life Member	VA-1	0353-VA-1	David H Oglesby	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Edwin E Vogel	MC	KR	Life Member	VA-1	0510-VA-1	Melvin F Baldwin	AR	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0455-PA-1	Randall W Windstein	AR	VN	Life Member	VA-1	0607-VA-1	John N Abrams	AR	VN	Life Member
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PA-1	0992-PA-1	Anthony R Arcuri	MC	VN	Life Member	WV-2	0418-WV-2	Robert Smith	MC	W2	Life Member
PA-1	0992-PA-1	Donald T Jones	AR	KR	Life Member	WV-2	0709-WV-2	Calvin W Crow	AR	VN	Life Member
PA-1	1777-PA-1	Joseph L Festa	AR	VN	Life Member	WV-2	0709-WV-2	Albert J Furline	AR	KR	Life Member
PA-1	1983-PA-1	Anthony F Maberry	AR	VN	Life Member	WV-2	0710-WV-2	Leonard R Northcraft	AR	W2	Life Member
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PA-1	DML-PA-1	Morris Hause	AR	W2	Life Member	WI-2	0162-WI-2	Lauren H Kahn	MC	W2	Life Member
PA-1	DML-PA-1	Robert E Highlands	AR	VN	Life Member	WI-2	0162-WI-2	Donald F Lesperance	AR	W2	Life Member
SC-4	0845-SC-4	Samuel R Finley, Sr	AR	KR	Life Member	WI-2	0165-WI-2	Michael M Jones	MC	VN	Life Member
SC-4	0932-SC-4	Geneva B Williams			Associate	WI-2	0550-WI-2	Eugene H Rineck	AR	W2	Life Member
SC-4	1948-SC-4	Fred J Good	NV	W2	Life Member	WI-2	0770-WI-2	Clarence V Geier	AR	W2	Life Member
TN-4	0484-TN-4	Ethel L Dozier			Associate	WI-2	0770-WI-2	Thomas J Smith	AR	VN	Life Member
TX-5	0393-TX-5	William Gottfried	AF	W2	Life Member	WI-2	0818-WI-2	Robert E Tuskey	AR	KR	Life Member
TX-5	0393-TX-5	Edward E Jones	AR	KR	Life Member	WY-3	0800-WY-3	Ronald G Franck	MC	VN	Life Member
TX-5	0393-TX-5	Clarence L Rush	AR	KR	Life Member	WY-3	0800-WY-3	Larry D Orr	AR	VN	Life Member
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