MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART April 2011

THE PURPLE HEARTBEAT

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS' NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ADJUTANT'S CALL . . .

Dear Patriots,

AMERICANISM. Items in high demand (Calendar Cards, Book Marks, Pledge of Allegiance & Star Spangled Banner Cards) are once again fully stocked and ready to issue.

Your MOPH Website. I say "Your Website" because the MOPH site exists to inform and serve the membership. Visit, explore and then send me your comments. Input on what's NOT on site that you would value is of high interest and will be considered.

PhD Student/New York University seeks Black American Military Wives experiences while living in West GERMANY (1945-1970). Contact: Ms. Felicitas Jaima at fejaima@gmail.com.

3rd Annual MOPH Charity Golf Classic, August 11, 2011. Tee times are limited to the first 72 golfers to sign up. Registration form is in the PH Mag. Orlando's event raised $50,000 for the VA PolyTrauma Center and was thoroughly enjoyed by all players.

Change of Address. Your prompt submission of an address change is critical to sound management of membership. It confirms that you're still a member, ensures that we can contact you if necessary and validates delivery of the Purple Heart Magazine to the correct address, saving us lots of $$$.

FORM 990. MOPH requires evidence of the current 990 filing which must accompany the Finance Report, due from Chapters by 31 May and Departments by 15 Jun 2011. Due to different fiscal year periods on record with the IRS, some Departments or Chapters may not be able to submit current evidence of their 990 filings for FY2010. We will accept the FY2009 FORM 990 filing evidence for FY2010 compliance. [*See page 3 for a sample table of possible fiscal year periods and due dates.]*

Yours in Patriotism,
Jack Leonard

AFGHANISTAN

"It's a miraculous kind of anti-paradise up here: heat and dust and tarantulas and flies and no women and no running water and no cooked food and nothing to do but kill and wait."
[Sebastian Junger, War, 2008, wrote this while visiting Second Platoon, Battle Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade, in the Korangel Valley – only six miles long, yet 42 soldiers died there.]

THIS NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED EVERY MONTH EXCEPT AUGUST. ALL ADJUTANTS AND COMMANDERS RECEIVE A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER. ADJUTANTS RECEIVE THE SPECIFIC CHAPTER/DEPARTMENT INFORMATION.

ALSO ENCLOSED:

- ***CHAPTERS**: April 2011 Roster of Monthly Changes*
- ***DEPARTMENTS:** April 2011 Membership Status Report & Chapters Roster of Monthly Changes*

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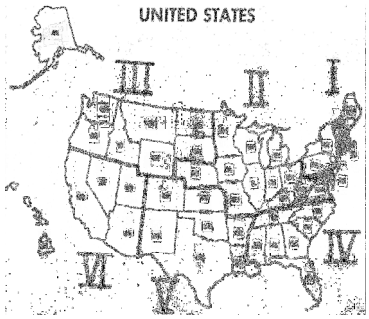
Membership Statistics as of 1/1/2011 - 3/31/2011

YTD Total Members: 44,485 **Deceased: 1,286** **New Activity: 2,030**

Regions

Reg	Total Mem	AS	LM	*Total New Activity
2	10,575	28	327	195
4	8,463	18	301	170
1	11,050	19	216	148
5	7,102	7	157	93
6	5,118	10	136	92
3	2,057	7	49	50



Departments/States

Reg	Dept	Total Mem	AS	LM	*Total New Activity
4	FL	2862	8	61	53
6	CA	3212	4	78	51
5	TX	3717	4	82	50
4	NC	1576	2	140	40
1	PA	2614	8	43	39
2	MN	1298	12	62	36
2	OH	1661	0	60	35
2	IL	1046	5	44	29
2	MI	2217	3	55	29
1	NJ	2362	3	32	27
1	NY	1949	2	49	27
6	AZ	1021	4	31	22
4	SC	873	3	23	20
1	CT	834	1	19	19
1	VA	1216	4	33	17
3	WA	643	1	13	17
2	IN	682	4	17	16
4	TN	723	0	17	16
5	CO	571	0	17	16
2	WV	721	0	26	15
4	AL	678	0	12	14
4	GA	1013	4	35	13
2	WI	916	1	15	12
3	AK	273	3	6	11
3	OR	425	3	8	11
2	MO	813	0	22	10
5	LA	695	0	14	10
6	NV	292	1	13	10
4	MS	582	0	6	8
5	AR	493	1	6	8
1	RI	158	0	1	6
2	NE	363	1	9	6
4	PR	156	1	7	6
1	MD	531	0	12	5
2	KY	560	2	10	5

Departments/States continued

Reg	Dept	Total Mem	AS	LM	*Total New Activity
3	ID	270	0	6	5
6	UT	150	1	4	5
1	MA	539	1	15	4
5	OK	667	0	15	4
6	HI	318	0	9	4
1	NN	637	0	12	3
5	NM	607	0	17	3
2	IA	298	0	7	2
3	DK	132	0	6	2
3	MT	112	0	3	2
3	WY	201	0	6	2
5	KS	352	2	6	2
1	DE	210	0	0	1
3	ND	1	0	1	0
6	GU	125	0	1	0

Top Chapters - New Activity

Reg	Dept	Chapter		AS	LM	*Total New Activity
1	PA	0170	305	7	4	21
4	NC	2226	211	1	15	16
2	IL	0575	207	1	8	14
5	TX	1836	713	0	13	12
2	OH	0699	56	0	3	11
4	SC	0845	69	2	3	9
5	TX	0542	284	0	7	9
3	AK	0593	130	3	3	7
4	FL	0776	144	0	3	7
4	NC	0634	99	0	4	7
5	CO	0375	188	0	5	7

Top Chapters - Members Strength

Reg	Dept	Chapter	Total Mem	ChapterName & Location
5	TX	1836	713	ALAMO - SAN ANTONIO, TX
5	TX	1919	570	TEXAS CAPITAL - AUSTIN, TX
4	NC	642	406	BEIRUT MEM - JACKSONVILLE, NC
4	FL	717	377	WEST PALM BEACH - WPB FL
1	VA	353	362	GREATER WASHINGTON - WASH. DC

Top Depts - Members Strength

Reg	Dept	Total Mem
5	TX	3717
6	CA	3212
4	FL	2862
1	PA	2614
1	NJ	2362

Reg	Dept	Total Mem
2	MI	2217
1	NY	1949
2	OH	1661
4	NC	1576
2	MN	1298

Total Members count is the total count of PH Members and associate members without deceased members.

*New Activity is the total count of new members, and members who converted from annual to life membership.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS…it's come to our attention that the **Finance Report** on the CD under the Department Folder is the old form from last year. Please use the one under the Chapter Folder. You can also download it from the website at www.purpleheart.org by putting the cursor on "Members" and clicking on "Download Forms" option. The Finance Report is under Blank Chapter and Department Forms. **Also, the National Americanism Officer and National VAVS Representative have released two new reporting forms to replace the combo Service and Activities Forms. These forms are also available on the website for downloading.** Please address any questions pertaining to the two new forms to the responsible National Officers. If you have any questions or concerns on accessing the forms, please contact Membership Dept at Memberships@purpleheart.org.

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990 FISCAL YEAR PERIOD and DUE DATE Table

2009 FISCAL YEAR PERIOD	2010 FISCAL YEAR PERIOD	DUE DATE	FIRST DAY OF NEXT FILING
01/01/2009 - 12/31/2009	1/1/2010 - 12/31/2010	5/15/2011	1/1/2011
05/01/2009 - 04/30/2010	5/1/2010 - 4/30/2011	9/15/2011	5/1/2011
06/01/2009 - 05/31/2010	6/1/2010 - 5/31/2011	10/15/2011	6/1/2011
07/01/2009 - 06/30/2010	7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	11/15/2011	7/1/2011

Chapters and Departments must write to the IRS to REQUEST a change to their Fiscal Year Period. MOPH HQ cannot do this for you!

Internal Revenue Service
1973 North Rulon White Blvd
Ogden, UT 84404-5402
ATTN: M/S 6273

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

79TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
9-13 AUGUST 2011

CONVENTION BOOK ADVERTISING

DEADLINE: May 31, 2011

Make checks payable to:
National Convention,
Department of Minnesota

Mail Checks to: Military Order of the Purple Heart (Attn Bob Connor)
20 West 12th Street, Room 134
Saint Paul, MN 55155

LOCATION	RATE	SIZES
Full Page	$300	8.5 x11
Half Page	$150	7.625 x 4.875
Quarter Page	$75	3.685 x 4.875
Eighth Page	$50	3.685 x 2.3125
Sixteenth Page	$25	3.685 x1.03125

AD CONTACT INFORMATION

Pat Laurel
175 W. Kellogg Boulevard
Suite 502
Saint Paul, MN 55102
Email: plaurel@visitsaintpaul.com
Phone: 800-627-6101 x 4921

AD SPECS

Color or Black/White
PDF, Illustrator or EPS File
Journal Book size 8 x 11

ADVERTISER CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Organization or Supporter: _____
Address: _____
_____
Name of Contact (if Org) _____
Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____
Email: _____

79TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

EVENT REGISTRATION FORM
THURSDAY – 11 AUGUST 2011

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE OPTIONAL (CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS APPLY) – HOPE YOU CAN PARTICIPATE AND ENJOY

Twin Cities Tour and & Lunch.....$60.00 x _____ = $ _____

(Includes the bus fare, lunch, non-alcoholic beverage, tax and tip)

Bus will leave the Crowne at 1:30PM and return at 6:00PM.

Join us as we travel through Historic Saint Paul where you will see the Minnesota State Capitol, Saint Paul Cathedral, James J. Hill House and other historic buildings along magnificent Summit Avenue-Minnesota's two mile stretch of the most beautifully restored mansions in the Upper Midwest, if not the Nation!

Following lunch at Santorini and a stop at Purgatory Creek's Veterans' Memorial, we will travel back to Saint Paul via the outstanding River Road that runs adjacent to the Mighty Mississippi River.

Mystic Lake Casino.....$10.00 x _____ = $ _____

Mystic Lake is located in Prior Lake, 30 miles southwest of Saint Paul. On this afternoon trip, you will board at 1:00PM and return to the Crowne at 6:00PM. Each guest on the bus will receive a "Play 10 get 10" package allowing you to get started at the casino using their money!

.....TOTAL PAYMENT DUE $ _____

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell Phone _____ Email address: _____

Make check payable to National Convention-Department of Minnesota
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Attn: Bob Connor
20 West 12th Street, Room 134
Saint Paul, MN 55155

And mail with your check and registration form to Bob

DEPT CONVENTIONS - DATE SORT AND DETAIL

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DEPT	START	END	LOCATION	DEPT CDR	NATIONAL OFFICER	SERVICE FOUNDATION
PR	15-Apr	16-Apr	Pichi's Hotel Convention Center(Best Western) State Road 127 Exit 205. Guayanilla, PR 00656; 787.927.0022--Purple Heart Monument Dedication Ceremony on the 15th -Convention on the 16th	Sergio Morales	JONES	ATHANASON
NNE	30-Apr	30-Apr	Anchorage Motor Inn, York, ME	John Churchill	VAN HOY	
NE	6-May	7-May	Lincoln, NE	James Varejcka	REY	
IA	7-May	8-May	Downtown Holiday Inn, Mercy Campus, 1050 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314 -- 515.283.0151 / 515.288.1339	Michael Lipovac	SMRT	
ID	7-May	7-May	Double Tree Hotel, Boise, Idaho	Robert Lenigan	SIEBELS	
KS	7-May	7-May	VFW Post 7957 302 South Commercial, Emporia, KS 66801- 620.344.2106 - Lunch will be at Pizza Ranch - following the meeting	Ed VanVickle	YOUNG	
MI	12-May	14-May	Ausable Valley Ramada Inn, 2650 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738 Rate $60.00 plus tax; 989.348.7611; Code: Purple Heart) Reservation Deadline 1 May. Registration Fee: $10/Banquet $30. Contact: Tammy Reilley 231.268.3083	William Shattuck	LITTLE	
NC/SC	12-May	14-May	Bordeaux Holiday Inn, 1707 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28404; 910.323.0111 .Rate: $79 plus tax; early registration $15.00; after 10 April $20 - Saturday Dinner $40	Verl Matthews	VAN HOY	WROOLIE
MO	13-May	15-May	Jefferson City, MO	Everett Kelly	SMRT	
WI	13-May	15-May	Reedsburg, Wisconsin	Bill Hustad	SIEBELS	
VA	14-May	14-May	Richmond, Virginia	Paul Blais	LEONARD	
WY	14-May	14-May	Cheyenne, WY - VA Medical Center on Pershing Blvd.	Barry Gasdek	MCKENTY	ROY
MN	20-May	21-May	The Riverport Inn & Suites, 900 Bruski Drive, Winona, MN 55987 - 1.800.595.0606 - Rate $69.99 plus tax - Code: "Purple" or "Military Order of the Purple Heart."	Wally Lind	LEONARD	WROOLIE
AL	21-May	21-May	VFW Post 3229, 587 Village Springs Rd, Springville, AL 35146 205.746.1633	Jim Aretz	EVERETT	RANDLES
TN	21-May	22-May	DAV Meeting Hall, 601 Memorial Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37415; Session will open at 1300, Friday, May 21 preceded by a DEC Meeting on Saturday 22 May with a banquet that evening.	Guy Slater	BOWMAN	SILVANO
AK	21-May	21-May	Anchorage, Alaska - VFW Post 10252	JW Terrill	JONES	
AR	21-May	21-May	Embassy Suites in Rogers, Arkansas…3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR 72758…479-254-8400…$94/night plus tax - Code M02 -- Meeting begins at 9:00am on the second floor conference room…The LAMOPH meeting will be at the same place and time...	Tom Vaughn	MCKENTY	
MA	21-May	21-May	VFW Post 638, Marlborough, MA	Leo Agnew	LITTLE	TAYLOR
NJ	21-May	21-May	VV Memorial, Holmdel, NJ	Neil VanEss	HUTTON	HEMS
NV	21-May	21-May	Henderson Senior Center, 300 South Racetrack Blvd, Henderson, NV	Richard Small	SHIMIZU	
WV	21-May	21-May	Elkins Motor Lodge in Elkins, West Virginia…Recommend that National Representative stay at the nearby Elkins Holiday Inn…50 Martin Street, Elkins WV…1-888-465-4329…$95.95 plus tax.	Charles Baisden	SMRT	SPINELLI
MD	24-May	27-May	Carousel Hotel, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 21842 410.520.2222 X7109-Group Name; Military Order of the Purple Heart; $59/night-Deluxe Standard; $89/night-Oceanfront-Pre-Registration Fee $10.00 - Late Registration at the Hotel $15.00. Banquet fee $35.00- Checks to MOPH Dept MD; c/o James Hauser; 3025 Tarpon Road, Riva, MD 21140	Victor Fuentealba	JONES	HEMS
CA	1-Jun	4-Jun	Grand Vista Hotel, 999 Enchanted Way, Simi Valley, CA 93065 -- 800.455.7464, use "MOPH" when making reservation; $93.50/night including tax and breakfast - Registration fee=$35.00 $45 after 20 May); Dinner is $45/person	Jon Williams	SIEBELS	

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DEPT	START	END	LOCATION	DEPT CDR	NATIONAL OFFICER	SERVICE FOUNDATION
NY	2-Jun	4-Jun	Holiday Inn, 1777 Burrstone Road,Utica, NY - $10.00 Registration fee; $85/night - Sales Manager: Chris Lopez 315.797.2131 X 307; - Meeting is on 3 June with Dinner Buffet @$35.00/person that evening - Departure 4 June-Breakfast 0800-0930	Connie Steers		PENDING
GA	3-Jun	5-Jun	Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place, 1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, GA 30096	Jim Yancey	MCKENTY	BLAYLOCK
OK	3-Jun	5-Jun	Muskogee, Oklahoma at the La Quinta Inn…Rooms are $84.00 per night with a cut off date for this rate of May 13, 2011.	Chris Ford	REY	
OR	3-Jun	5-Jun	Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way, Springfield, Oregon	James Klug	HUTTON	WROOLIE
PA	3-Jun	4-Jun	Quality Inn Somerset-Exit 110 Pennsylvania Turnpike, Somerset, PA - 814.443.4646	Joe Serenka	JIM CASTI	SPINELLI
AZ	4-Jun	4-Jun	Scottsdale Plaza Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona	Robert Puskar	SHIMIZU	SILVANO
CO	4-Jun	4-Jun	Denver Doubletree-North Hotel, 8773 Yates Drive, Westminster, CO 80031 - $99/night which includes breakfast. Call 303.427.4000 for reservations and use "Purple Heart" - Reservations must be made before 15 May or rate.	Ray Athey	JONES	ROY
DE	4-Jun	4-Jun	Air Mobility Command Museum, 1301 Heritage Road, Dover, Delaware 19902…Michael Lovett is the Aide de Camp phone 302-741-2336…email is annie2dogs@aol.com…	Richard Magner	RICHARDS	HEMS
GUAM	4-Jun	4-Jun	Top of the Mar, Commander Naval Forces Marianas Naval Base 0900 - 1200	Ricardo Cruz	X	
HI	4-Jun	4-Jun	Keehi Lagoon Memorial Hall, 2685 N. Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96819 1000-2000PM	Tommy Tanaka	X	
FL	8-Jun	11-Jun	Best Western Waterfront Hotel, 300 Retta Esplanade Rd,Punta Gorda FL, 33950…800-525-1022 or 941-639-1165…Rooms $75.99, Suites $139.99 + tax…Reserve by May 15th…Pre-Reg fee $30/at Convention $35…Free Bfsk... Buffet on Friday…Meals $35 each…Contact either J.B. Haskins 321-622-4330 or Dept Conv. Chairman Lee Brown 904-505-5103.	James Holland	JONES	TAYLOR
IN	9-Jun	11-Jun	Holiday Inn Indianapolis-N@The Pyramids, 3850 DePauw Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46268 1.800.718.8466	Larry Shaw	EVERETT	TAYLOR
KY	10-Jun	12-Jun	Drury Inn, 9501 Blairwood Road, Louisville, KY 40222. When calling for reservations ask for Carla (502.326.4170) or say you are MOPH. Free hot breakfast and 5:30PM "kickback" wings and hotdogs.	Lucian Young	SMRT	HEMS
MS	10-Jun	11-Jun	Battlefield Inn Vicksburg, 4137 South Frontage Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180 601.638.5811 - 1.800.359.9363 Room Rate $70.30 including tax. Full free breakfast and 2 free drinks each day.	Acting - Sr. Vice Robert Jones	LEONARD	
NM	10-Jun	11-Jun	Albuquerque New Mexico	Pete Comstock	HUTTON	
OH	10-Jun	12-Jun	Double Tree Hotel, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, Ohio 44131 216.447.1300 or 800.753.4371-Room rate $79.00 plus tax;.	Paul Brady	SIEBELS	SILVANO
TX	10-Jun	11-Jun	Quality Inn, 600 Medal of Honor Blvd, Gainesville, TX 877.233.4885. Hotel Rate $69.99; $10.00 Registration Fee	John Footman	MCKENTY	RANDLES
CT	11-Jun	11-Jun	Carmen Anthony's Steak House, 660 State Street, NEW Haven, CT - Amanda Ruiz 203.773.1444	Leon Brown	RICHARDS	
Dakotas	11-Jun	11-Jun	Sioux Falls, SD	Roy Dennis	X	
UT	11-Jun	11-Jun	TBD			
LA	17-Jun	18-Jun	Radisson, 2445 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, LA 70808; 225.667.5693 Start time: 2:00 Friday afternoon; Saturday start time 0800. Call Richard for info at 318.746.5724	Richard Garner	AHEE	SPINELLI
IL	24-Jun	25-Jun	Holiday Inn Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60477 708.342.5458 x 3	Dan Finn	LEONARD	HEMS
WA	24-Jun	24-Jun	Lakewood, WA	James Hooten	HUTTON	WROOLIE
RI	30-Jun	30-Jun	Chapter Meeting	Thomas Kenney	LITTLE	