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Alert: Cell Phones for Soldiers...

http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/ALERT_Cell_Phones_4_Soldiers_MAJOR_CHANGES_in_Shipping_via_FedEX.pdf

There have been some additions to our Website recently.

We've added a [Games Page](#) for all to enjoy!

Send in your Favorites!

Be sure to check out our [Webmasters Corner Page](#). Updates are posted periodically at, http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/pb/wp_0d83a39a/wp_0d83a39a.html .

Chapter Membership Roster Lists

Just reminder that the MOPH National Organization wants all Chapters to update their Membership Roster Lists. The following Websites are great ways to accomplish finding Deceased Status & Current Contact Information.

Social Security Death Index: <http://ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com>

VA Grave Locator: http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1

White Pages Online: <http://www.whitepages.com/>

Obituaries Finder: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries.asp?Page=OBITFINDERRESULTS>

NEWS ITEMS

E-Verify bill would protect Pennsylvania workers

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Received: April 27, 2011

From: Pennsylvania Representative Marc J. Gergely, D - 35TH District

Website:

http://www.pahouse.com/Gergely/index.asp?utm_source=Listrak&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=website&utm_campaign=E-Verify+bill+would+protect+Pennsylvania+workers

Pennsylvania must crack down on companies hiring illegal workers. That is why many of my colleagues and I are calling on Gov. Tom Corbett to sign an executive order directing all state agencies and contractors to use E-Verify to ensure their employees are citizens or legal residents.

We must do everything in our power to protect Pennsylvania jobs. The state has more than 140,000 employees and contracts with hundreds of major vendors who hire even more people. We need to make sure our citizens get these jobs first.

The governors of Florida, Minnesota, Virginia and Idaho use E-Verify through executive order. The system is managed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

As Democratic vice chairman of the House Labor and Industry Committee, I am co-sponsoring E-Verify legislation to require contractors to verify the employment eligibility of their employees. We shouldn't waste time waiting for the bill to pass since an executive order would implement E-Verify immediately for state agencies and contractors.

Last year, I voted for the same bill passed by the House. However, it was stalled in the state Senate.

History: The Last Huey

[Preview of Helicopter Association International Rotor com Last Huey.pdf](#)

“Nothing for Veterans,” National Headquarters Communication

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From: National Headquarters

[HR 2847 Nothing for Veterans 4 27 2011.pdf](#)

DOD 2011-07, Army Directive, Executive Order 11016, Authorizing the Award of the Purple Heart

<http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/DOD%202011%2007%20Army%20Directive%20Executive%20Order%2011016%20Authorizing%20the%20Award%20of%20the%20Purple%20Heart.pdf>

VA Looking for Gulf War Photos

Week of March 07, 2011, Source: Military.com

In honor of the 20th anniversary of the start of ground combat in the first Gulf War, and those veterans who served in the area during the 1990-1991 conflict, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is calling for submissions of Gulf War-era photos. If you are a Gulf War Veteran, take a look at VA Chief of Staff John Gingrich's reflections on the conflict at the [VA blog](#). If you have any photos of yourself during the war, submit them to newmedia@va.gov.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

This is for Marines (DEVIL DOGS) Everywhere, [The Warriors Song](#).

Subject: Gas Coupon

I didn't realize it, but these coupons are good for one gallon of gas at most retailers. I have seen them around, but until recently never took advantage of them, I never realized their actual worth.





Philadelphia Vets Take to the Links

Amputee Veterans in the City of Brotherly Love turned out for the third annual First Swing Golf Clinic – a new approach to physical therapy and great chance for camaraderie. [Read more](#)

Target Stores - What a surprise

Wasn't it last Christmas that Target refused to let the Salvation Army ring their bells in front of their stores?

Dick Forrey of the Vietnam Veterans Association wrote.

“Recently we asked the local TARGET store to be a proud sponsor of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall during our spring recognition event.”

“We received the following reply from the local TARGET management.”

“Veterans do not meet our area of giving. We only donate to the arts, social action groups, gay & lesbian causes, and education.”

So I'm thinking, if the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and veterans in general, do not meet their donation criteria, then something is really wrong at this TARGET store.

We were not asking for thousands of dollars, not even hundreds, just a small sponsorship for a memorial remembrance.

As a follow-up, I, E-mailed the TARGET U.S. Corporate Headquarters and their response was the same...

That's their national policy!!!

Then I looked into the company further...

They will not allow the Marines to collect for 'Toys for Tots' at any of their stores, and during the recent Iraq Deployment, they would not allow families of employees who were called up for Active Duty to continue their Insurance Coverage while they were on military service...

Then as I dig further, ***TARGET is a French-Owned Corporation.***

Now, I'm thinking again, if TARGET cannot support American (or Canadian) Veterans, then why should my family and I support their stores by spending our hard earned American (or Canadian) dollars in their stores???

And, then have their profits sent to France.

Without the American (and Canadian) Vets, where would France be today?

“They, most likely would be speaking German and trading in Deutsch Marks”

Sincerely,

*Dick Forrey
Veterans Helping Veterans*

Please send this on to everyone you know to let Target know we don't need them either!

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MOPH Chapter 0049, San Diego, California Update

Type: Email

From: Chapter 0049 Adjutant, Ulysses Miller Jr.

Received: April 28, 2011

Gentlemen:

The web site has been updated to include a free movie premiere scheduled for May 5, 2011 at the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center (VMMC).

Ø 1. The title is the film is: "**A Direction Back: Nick Aguilar.**" A film is produced for our chapter member, Nicholas Aguilar. The admission is free and it also comes with refreshments. You are asked to show up at 06:00 p.m. for light refreshments and the flick starts at 06:30 p.m. You are also asked to **RSVP** to melani.bruce@veteranmuseum.org so that enough refreshment will be on hand. It is the 5th story down from the top. See: http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/chapter_calendar

Ø 2. U. S. research and development is working feverishly on new solution to be added to the battlefield. Here's one that you might not have heard of. This story appears in the **Veteran Focus/Issues** area. Review and comment. The story is the third one down on the left. See: http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/veterans_focus_issues

Ø 3. The third and final story is on the **Inspiration Tab**. It is solely on the beauty of nature. It is on the left column in the #2 position. See: <http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/inspirations>

Respectfully,

Ulysses Miller, Jr.

Adjutant, Chapter 0049 (*"The Sunny Jones Chapter"*)

Founded: 13 June 1936 by WWI Purple Heart veterans

San Diego, CA

8 Most Germy Public Places

1. Have you ever seen anyone wash a menu? Probably not. A study in the Journal of Medical Virology reported that cold and flu viruses can survive for 18 hours on hard surfaces. If it's a popular restaurant, hundreds of people could be handling the menus - and passing their germs on to you. Never let a menu touch your plate or silverware, and be sure to wash your hands after you place your order.

2. According to a 2007 study in the Journal of Environmental Health, nearly 70 percent of the lemon wedges perched on the rims of restaurant glasses contain disease-causing microbes. When the researchers ordered drinks at 21 different restaurants, they found 25 different microorganisms lingering on the 76 lemons they secured, including E. coli and other fecal bacteria. Tell your server that you'd prefer your beverage sans fruit. Why risk it?

3. It's the rare eatery that regularly cleans its condiment containers. And the reality is that many people don't wash their hands before eating, says Kelly Reynolds, Ph.D., a germs specialist and public health professor at the University of Arizona. So while you may be diligent, the guy who poured the ketchup before you may not have been as diligent, which means his germs are now on your fingers and your fries. Squirt hand sanitizer on the outside of the condiment bottle or use a disinfectant wipe before you grab it.

4. Don't think you can escape the restroom without touching the door handle? Palm a spare paper towel after you wash up and use it to grasp the handle. Yes, other patrons may think you're a Germa-Phobe, but you'll never see them again, and you're the one who won't get sick.

5. About 25 percent of public restroom dispensers are contaminated with fecal bacteria. Soap that harbors bacteria may seem ironic, but that's exactly what a University of Arizona study found. "Most of these containers are never cleaned, so bacteria grow as the soap scum builds up," says microbiologist Charles Gerba, Ph.D., who directed the study. "And the bottoms are touched by dirty

hands, so there's a continuous culture feeding millions of bacteria. "Be sure to scrub your hands thoroughly with plenty of hot water for 15 to 20 seconds - and if you happen to have an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, use that, too.

6. The handles of almost two-thirds of the shopping carts tested in a 2007 study at the University of Arizona were contaminated with fecal bacteria. In fact, the bacterial counts of the carts exceeded those of the average public restroom. To protect yourself: Swab the handle with a disinfectant wipe before grabbing hold (stores are starting to provide them, so look around for a dispenser). While you're wheeling around the supermarket, skip the free food samples, which are nothing more than communal hand-to-germ-to-mouth zones.

7. When microbiologist Charles Gerba, Ph.D., tested for microbes in the bathrooms of commercial jets, he found surfaces from faucets to doorknobs to be contaminated with E. coli. It's not surprising, then, that people often get sick after traveling by plane. Clean your hands thoroughly with a sanitizer and try not to directly touch the surfaces.

8. A doctor's office is not the place to be if you're trying to avoid germs. To limit your exposure: Bring your own books and magazines (and toys, if you have your children or grandchildren with you) and pack your own tissues and hand sanitizers, which should have an alcohol content of at least 60 percent. If possible, in the waiting room, leave at least two chairs between you and the other patients to reduce your chances of picking up their bugs. Germ droplets from coughing and sneezing can travel about 3 feet before falling to the floor.



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