



Department of Pennsylvania August 2011 News Bulletin

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Upcoming Important Dates

PAST: Purple Heart Day - August 7, 2011

Labor Day - September 5, 2011

Patriot Day/Grandparents Day – September 11, 2011

August News Items

From: The July, MOPH, Dept. of PA. News Bulletin:

Pennsylvania Veterans Emergency Assistance with Counties Contact Information

[http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/Application Form 171 Nov2010.pdf](http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/Application%20Form%20171%20Nov2010.pdf),

[http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/State Benefit Booklet 2011.pdf](http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/State%20Benefit%20Booklet%202011.pdf),

and for your convenience,

[http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/Pennsylvania Veterans Emergency Assistance with Counties Contact Information.pdf](http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/Pennsylvania%20Veterans%20Emergency%20Assistance%20with%20Counties%20Contact%20Information.pdf)

Purpose: Provides financial aid in an emergency and on a temporary basis (not to exceed three months in a 12-month period) to veterans and their beneficiaries who reside in Pennsylvania for the necessities of life (food, dairy, shelter, fuel and clothing).

Veteran's eligibility criteria:

- An honorably discharged veteran.
- Served during established war service dates as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

- Must be a Pennsylvania resident.
- Unexpected loss of income within 180 days of application through no fault of the individual.
- May not be on Public Assistance.
- Must have a financial need.
- Upon the recent death of a veteran, their spouse or orphaned children are eligible provided the veteran would have qualified prior to his/her death.

Payments: If eligible, a veteran or their beneficiary is entitled to a total of three checks during a 12-month period. Rates are paid according to the number of persons in a household and the county in which they reside.

An application for the Veterans Emergency Assistance (MA-VA Form 17) shall be submitted through the County Veterans Affairs Director in the county they reside.

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 Michael Smith
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COUNTY DIRECTOR LISTING

Adams 717-337-9835	Lackawanna 570-963-6778 x 1892
Allegheny 412-621-4357	Lancaster 717-299-7920
Armstrong 724-548-3441	Lawrence 724-656-2180
Beaver 724-770-4452	Lebanon 717-228-4422
Bedford 814-623-4848	Lehigh 610-782-3295
Berks 610-898-8541	Luzerne 570-706-3976
Blair 814-693-3160	Lycoming 570-327-2365
Bradford 570-265-1704	McKean 814-887-3241
Bucks 215-345-3307	Mercer 724-662-3800 x2211
Butler 724-284-5352	Mifflin 717-248-6421
Cambria 814-472-1590	Monroe 570-517-3187
Cameron 814-486-1372	Montgomery 610-278-3285
Carbon 570-325-3986	Montour 570-271-3061
Centre 814-355-6812	Northampton 610-559-3199
Chester 610-344-6375	Northumberland 570-988-4213
Clarion 814-226-4000 x2601	Perry 717-582-5133
Clearfield 814-765-4611	Philadelphia 215-686-3256

Clinton 570-893-4339
Columbia 570-387-6501
Crawford 814-333-7314
Cumberland 717-240-6178
Dauphin 717-780-6356
Delaware 610-891-4646
Elk 814-776-5370
Erie 814-451-6270
Fayette 724-430-1241
Forest 814-755-3404
Franklin 717-263-4326
Fulton 717-485-6873
Greene 724-852-5275
Huntingdon 814-643-1360
Indiana 724-465-3815
Jefferson 814-849-3618
Juniata 717-436-7728

Pike 570-296-3563
Potter 814-274-8290 x210
Schuylkill 570-628-1400
Snyder 570-837-4277
Somerset 814-445-1551
Sullivan 570-946-5201
Susquehanna 570-278-4600 x260
Tioga 570-723-8141
Union 570-524-8677
Venango 814-432-9780
Warren 814-728-3478
Washington 724-228-6865
Wayne 570-253-4262 x3114
Westmoreland 724-830-3531
Wyoming 570-996-2258
York 717-771-9218

Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove

HOME PAGE: <http://www.friendsmohgrove.org/>

Received: Friday, 5 August 2011
From: contact@friendsmohgrove.org
Subject: New MOH Grove Info

Friends,

Please check out www.friendsmohgrove.org to see our new webpage 'AOH Obelisk Dedication' with clips of video from the 1985 Dedication Ceremony. Click on the underlined names for more info on those in the videos.

Also new to the Donate page you'll find a PayPal/ Credit Card button - just choose your credit card and make a tax deductible donation to the Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove.

The Grove is in great shape and will continue to evolve thanks to your support.

Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove

Dateline: Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

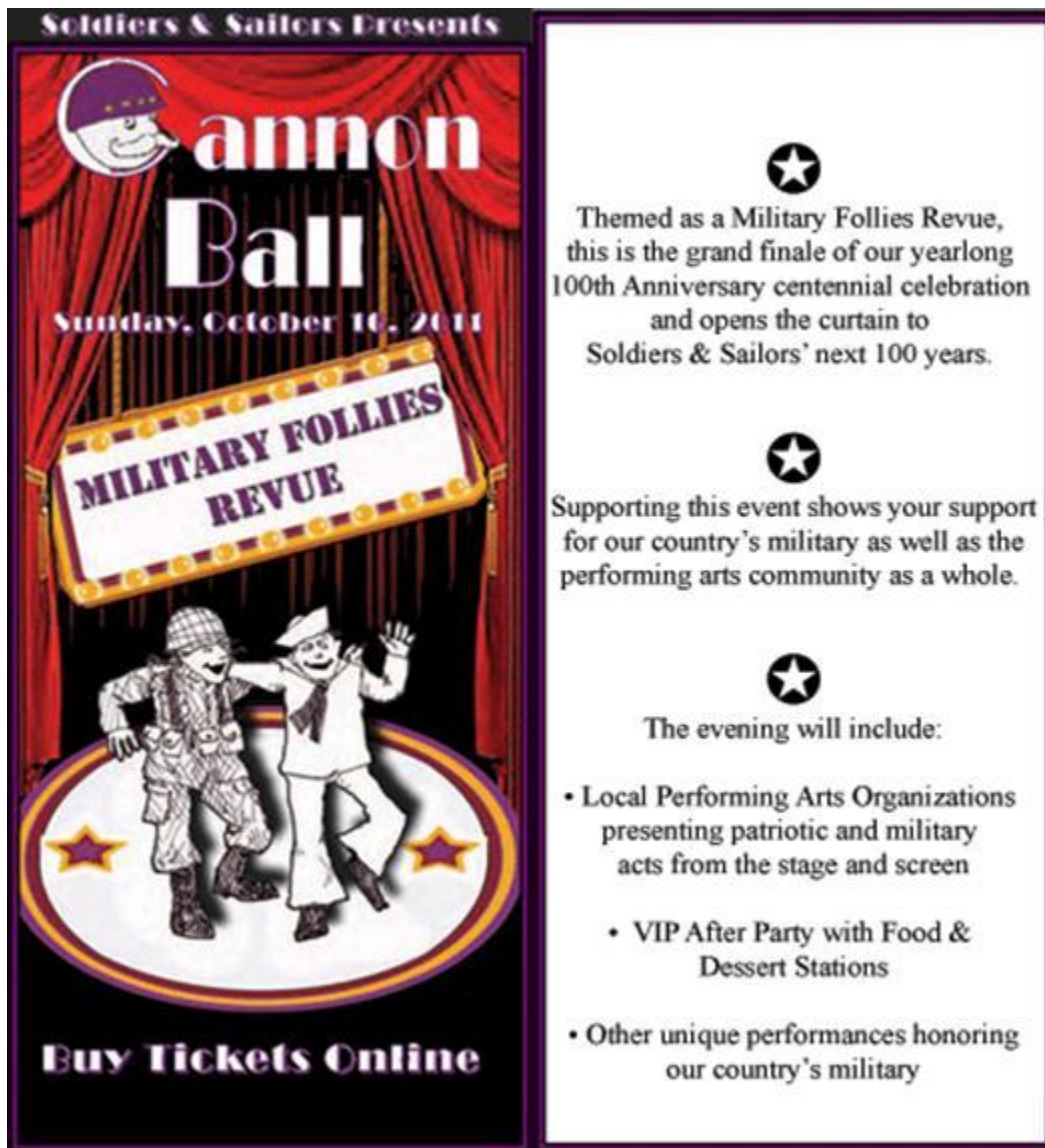
Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum presents, “Cannon Ball” “Military Follies Revue”

From: The July MOPH Dept. of PA. News Bulletin
Received: July 6, 2011

Soldiers & Sailors' annual fundraiser is just around the corner.

This year's event is a Patriotic Show saluting the men and women who served and are serving our country.

Purchase your tickets online today for as low as \$35 per person!



The poster features a red curtain background. At the top left is a cartoon character in a military helmet. The main title 'Cannon Ball' is in large white letters. Below it, the date 'Sunday, October 16, 2011' is written. A sign hanging from the curtain reads 'MILITARY FOLLIES REVUE'. At the bottom, two cartoon figures, one in military uniform and one in a white suit, are dancing on a stage. The text 'Buy Tickets Online' is at the bottom left.

Soldiers & Sailors Presents

Cannon Ball

Sunday, October 16, 2011

MILITARY FOLLIES REVUE

Buy Tickets Online

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Themed as a Military Follies Revue, this is the grand finale of our yearlong 100th Anniversary centennial celebration and opens the curtain to Soldiers & Sailors' next 100 years.

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Supporting this event shows your support for our country's military as well as the performing arts community as a whole.

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The evening will include:

- Local Performing Arts Organizations presenting patriotic and military acts from the stage and screen
- VIP After Party with Food & Dessert Stations
- Other unique performances honoring our country's military

MOPH Chapter 1983 is having a Membership Drive in September at Fort Indiantown Gap

From: The July MOPH Dept. of PA. News Bulletin

See attached Schedule for 2011.

Also below in the For the Good of the Order the Schedule is posted for you to Copy & Paste.

<http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/MOPH%201983%20Schedule%202011.pdf>

Robert Lane Keck, Chapter 1983, Adjutant

**Benefit Motorcycle Ride in memoriam to Dee Trapasso to benefit the
Humane League of Lancaster County August 21, 2011.**

Come on out and ride! Hope to see you there.

Email: From many MOPH, Department of Pennsylvania Officers.

Received: Throughout July & copied from the MOPH Dept. of PA. July News Bulletin

See: Attached Flyer

<http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/Motorcycle%20Ride%20Benefit%20for%20Dee%20Tropasso%20to%20benefit%20the%20Humane%20League%20of%20Lancaster%20County%20August%2021%202011.pdf>

MOPH, Chapter 0009 has changed the Day & Time of its Regular Monthly Meetings

Received: August 14, 2011

From: Scott Havelka, MOPH, CH.9 Adjutant/DEC/Dept. of PA. Webmaster/Editor

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Patriots,

Through much deliberation since we've reorganized the Chapters Active Members, during our Summer Break, have considered a Motion to, "Change the Day and Time of our Regular Monthly

Meetings,” (Except July & August – Summer Break) from the Second Tuesday at 1300 Hours (1:30 P.M.) to the Second Thursday at 18:30 Hours (6:30 P.M.).

Concerning our Meeting Place, the American Legion Post 701 in White Oak. I’ve called Comrade Birr and left a message on his answering machine asking that we still be able to meet at the Legion and only change the Day & Time if available space is available. If this attempt to stay at the Legion doesn’t pan out, please, anyone who has an Alternative Meeting Place, contact me with an Idea of the Space Allotted for Members to Meet, Conveniences (Availability of Food and Drink, Etc.), Price, if any, and a Name with whom I might be able to connect with all their Contact Information.

FYI: Most of the discussion was that a “Starting Time” of our “Regular Meetings” be early enough for members with sight problem to attend. It was also stated that, “with members working, a 1300 or 1 P.M. Starting Time was too early to meet.” Other discussion was that we might get more participation and socialization from newer, younger members who are working if it was held a little later but not that late where as it would eliminate those who can’t see that well from attending.

Please get the word out of our need for Active Members. A mention here and there of what we support could change so much. If only an utterance is heard, you may be surprised.

Respectfully,

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

UPDATES from MOPH, San Diego, Chapter 0049

**Go for a Ride as a Raider of the 160TH Special
Operations Aviation Regiment, Seal Team Six**

Received: August 4, 2011

From: Ulysses Miller, Jr., Adjutant/Webmaster, MOPH, Chapter 0049

Gentlemen:

The latest edition of the **New Yorker** magazine traces the successful raid on the Bin Laden compound in the city of Abbottabad, Pakistan. The night of May 1, 2011 will forever be written in the annals of Seal history along with the code name of "Geronimo." The story written by Nicholas Schmidle is very detail and it takes you along for the ride as a raider. Read the full account and thank our lucky stars for the brave men of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, SEAL Team Six, and, yes, even the planners and strategist of the Obama administration.

http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2011/08/08/110808fa_fact_schmidle?currentPage=all

Respectfully,

U. Miller, Jr.

Adjutant/Webmaster, MOPH Chapter 0049

Received: August 14, 2011

Type: Email

Gentlemen:

The Website has been updated to include the following information:

1. A story of general interest on the Inspiration tab. I concern a flight over the Grand Canyon and is a feel good story. Make sure your speakers are turned on to maximum volume and that you are viewing in full-screen mode. The video is in 3-D. The story is in the number 1 position on the right-hand column. See: <http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/inspirations>

Respectfully,

Ulysses Miller, Jr.

Adjutant/Webmaster, MOPH Chapter 0049



Received: August 14, 2011

Type: Email

Gentlemen:

See the attachment, below. This may apply to you or very likely to a veteran that you know. Please help to disseminate the word on this unique opportunity for additional benefits that may be due to you or a veteran that you know.

This is not just a California benefit. As I understand it, this is a nationwide program.

If you think you qualify, I would suggest that you immediate go to a County Veterans Service Office and make your application or to any of the service offices of: the Military Order of the Purple Heart, VFW, AMVET, American Legion, DAV or any other of your choice.

The County Veteran Service Office (main location) is 5560 Overland Drive, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123, (858) 694-3222.

The CVSO has approximately 5-6 offices in San Diego County. A call to the main office should get you connected to a satellite office that is closer to you.

Although applications are currently being accepted by Branch of Service TSGLI Offices, benefits will not be paid until October 1, 2011, the effective date of the law.

For more information, please review the Sunny Jones Chapter web site at:

http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/veteran_unique_offers_information

Please help disseminate this information by forwarding it to other potentially-eligible veterans.

Respectfully,

Ulysses Miller, Jr.
Adjutant/Web Master, MOPH Chapter 0049

SCAMS:

IRS Reports

Suspicious e-Mails and Identity Theft; Phishing and Other Schemes Using the IRS Name and more...

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=155682,00.html>, or you may find what you're looking for on this list, <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=214917,00.html>.

800 PHONE NUMBERS

Any time you call an 800 number (for a credit card, banking, charter communications, health and other insurance, computer help desk, etc) and you find that you're talking to a foreign customer service representative (perhaps in India, Philippines, etc), please consider doing the following:

After you connect and you realize that the customer service representative is not from the USA (you can always ask if you are not sure about the accent), please, very politely (this is not about trashing other cultures) say, "I'd like to speak to a customer service representative in the United States of America ."

The rep might suggest talking to his/her manager, but, again, politely say, "Thank you, but I'd like to speak to a customer service representative in the USA." **YOU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY CONNECTED TO A REP IN THE USA. *That's the rule and the LAW.***

It takes less than one minute to have your call re-directed to the USA. Tonight when I got redirected to a USA rep, I asked again to make sure - and yes, she was from Fort Lauderdale .

Imagine what would happen if every US citizen insisted on talking to only US phone reps from this day on. Imagine how that would ultimately impact the number of US jobs that would need to be created ASAP

MOPH, TRI-COUNTY Chapter 1983 Schedule from 5/12/2011- 12/8/2011.

Tri-County Chapter 1983 Military Order of the Purple Heart

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Schedule:

05/12/2011: 7:00 P.M. MOPH Chapter Meeting at Palmyra VFW.

05/29/2011: Memorial Day service, Pleasant Hill Chapel, United Church of Christ – Participation.

05/30/2011: Hershey Memorial Day Parade – Participation.

06/03/2011: MOPH Department of Pennsylvania Convention in Somerset PA – Participation.

06/04/2011:

06/06/2011: Palmyra Veterans Carnival Association – Carnival Participation.

06/09/2011:

06/09/2011: 5:30 P.M. MOPH Chapter Meeting at Palmyra Veterans Carnival, at Fireman's Park.

07/04/2011: MOPH Chapter Fundraiser at Hershey K-Mart.

09/08/2011: 7:00 P.M. MOPH Chapter Meeting at Palmyra VFW.

09/11/2011: MOPH Membership Drive at Fort Indiantown Gap PX.

10/13/2011: 7:00 P.M. MOPH Chapter Meeting at Palmyra VFW.

11/10/2011: 7:00 P.M. MOPH Chapter Meeting at Palmyra VFW.

12/08/2011: 7:00 P.M. MOPH Chapter Meeting at Palmyra VFW.

Second Annual “Pets For U.S. Vets”

Email: From, DogParty84@aol.com,

Received: July 12, 2011, copied from the MOPH, Dept. of PA. July News Bulletin

Hi Everyone, *cross post if possible. **SAVE THE DATE** 10/08/2011

This is a mass email to let everyone on my list know that 84 Fitness Center and the Washington Area Humane Society have teamed up once again to present the 2nd Annual Furry Fall Festival **"Pets for U.S. Vets"** on **Sat. Oct. 8th, 2011** in the 84 ball fields.

If you attended the dogparty last year, you know that it was a huge success. We raised \$\$\$ for the Veterans Fund at the Washington Area Humane Society and dogs and cats were adopted to our local U.S. Veterans throughout the year with the adoption fee waived. It is our way of giving back to our local veterans and also helping our local shelter animals find their forever homes.

If you volunteered a service, collected donations for the Chinese Auction, walked your dog or were a vendor, please consider being a part of this wonderful day once again. I will be updating everyone on my list as things progress. If you wish to be taken off of this list, please email me back and I will remove you from it.

Once again, the Claysville American Legion Riders will open our dogparty with a Patriotic ceremony.

As soon as I get more details in place, I'll let you know.
Contact me anytime @ 412-217-9059 or dogparty84@aol.com

If you would like to check out what all went on last year, check out our dogblog
<http://dogparty84.blogspot.com/>

I will be updating it shortly...please be a part of the solution...

Speaking for the shelter animals,

Suzi Smith P.H.D. (Perfect Hound Dogs)



UPDATE: 2ND Annual "FURRY" Fall Festival

Save the Date: Saturday, Barktober 8, 2011 - Tell your friends!

Received: August 14, 2011
Type: Email

From:
<http://www.dogparty84.blogspot.com/>

A social event for dogs (and their people)



Hi Everyone,

Just a quick update on 84 Fitness Center's 2nd Annual "Furry" Fall Festival.

This year, Father Mike Ruffalo from Immaculate Conception Church in Washington will be officiating the Blessing of the Animals.

Also, the Legion Riders from the Claysville American Legion are having a benefit ride for the Pets for U.S. Vets prior to the DogParty.

Pre-registration forms will be available soon at 84 Fitness Center and the Washington Area Humane Society.

Petco will be helping us once again by putting our flyers in bags and getting the word out there. More to come...

Check out the dogblog at www.dogparty84.blogspot.com for more information.



All roads lead to the DogParty!

Suzi Smith^{PHD} (perfect hound dogs)



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