

WEB SITE UPDATE

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Gentlemen:

The web site has been updated to include the following information:

1. A story of deeds and particular interest to those who support our troops. Well, Sunny Jones (i.e., the Sunny Jones Chapter) has gone deep-sea fishing again. This time, two (2) members of the “Wounded Warrior” Regiment at Naval Medical Center/Balboa Hospital boarded the Sport fishing ship, “**EXCEL**”, for a 5-day deep-sea fishing excursion off the coast of California and Mexico with all expenses paid. For the past two years, the Sunny Jones Chapter has administered and supported a group of local entrepreneurs in their quest to give back to the San Diego community by coordinating and administering the selection of Purple Heart recipients who are recovering from wounds incurred in battle. Read about the departure of two young men on August 2, 2011. And, return to this site to follow-up on their return on or about August 7, 2011. See:

http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/veteran_unique_offers_information The story is #1 in the left-hand column.

2. The second story is entitled: “**VA Presumptive: Vietnam Veteran Disease Update #19.**” This story involved the decision of VA Secretary Eric Shinseki’s decision to exercise his administrative powers to expand the list of ailments presumed to be caused by exposure to herbicides used in Vietnam, including Agent Orange. More than 84,000 Vietnam veterans afflicted with heart disease, Parkinson’s disease or B-cell leukemia have started to draw disability compensation. Now, some Republican senators argue that this compensation is unfair to fellow veterans and taxpayers and drive up VA compensation claims just when budgets are tightening and needs are expanding for new veterans. Does it sound familiar?? See this story in:

http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/veterans_focus_issues This story is #4 in the left-hand column.

3. The third story is a follow-on to the story above. It is entitled: “**Over 2.2 Billion Dollars in Retroactive Agent Orange Benefits Paid to 89,000 Vietnam Veterans and Survivors For Presumptive Conditions.**” Secretary of Veterans Affairs Erik Shinseki announced on September 2, 2011, that more than \$2.2 billion dollars in retroactive benefits have been paid to approximately 89,000 Vietnam veterans who filed claims related to one of three new Agent Orange conditions. On August 31, 2011, the Department of Veterans Affairs amended its regulation to add ***ischemic heart disease, hairy cell leukemia and other chronic B-cell leukemia***, and ***Parkinson’s disease*** to the

list of diseases presumed to be related to exposure to Agent Orange exposure. See this story in: http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/veterans_focus_issues This story is #5 in the left-hand column.

4. The fourth story, is a tribute to a corporation that performed an extraordinary effort of giving back to the veteran community. While this event took place in 2002, it is relevant and significant enough that we should, again, pay attention to it. This story is about the effort associated with Outback Steakhouse and its effort to provide some "Americana" to the troops of the 101st Airborne Division at Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan. The story is #3 in the left-hand column. See: <http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/inspirations>

5. Don't forget, the August/September **bi-monthly newsletter** has been loaded into the 2011 Bulletin area. While most of you have read it, the newsletter covers the events that the Chapter participated in the month of August and it contains the future events planned for September, October, November and December 2011. So review and mark your calendars. For the Bulletin, see: http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/chapter_0049_-_electronic_bulletins_2011

6. For our general calendar of events: See: http://www.sandiegopurpleheart.com/chapter_calendar .

7. *Don't forget that the Chapter needs 2 more patriots to participate in the **September 10, 2011 Poway Patriotic Parade**.* Call Adjutant Ulysses Miller at (619) 262-1693 to join us.