

Email from Steve Cobb on June 2011 Hospital and Troop Visit Report - Now Over 39,000

Dear Patriots and Ladies:

Attached as a MS Word Rich Text Format (RTF) document, already virus checked, is the June 2011 monthly report for our troop visits, both wounded in action (WIA), who are eligible for a Purple Heart Medal, and non-battle injuries (nbi), for the month, and cumulative totals.

Note: The RTF Document had to be changed to PDF Form so that I could put it on our Website.

The June numbers are 119 Purple Heart packets given, for a 2011 year total of 826, and a grand total of 12,853 since April 2004. The non-battle injury (nbi) totals are 238 for June, 1,727 for the year 2011, and a grand total of 26,186 nbi patients visited since April 2004. The total number of all categories of troops met and welcomed home since April 2004 is 39,039. Our efforts continue to be dedicated to the more than 39,000 returning heroes we have met since our Welcome Home program began in April 2004.

During our visit to Bethesda National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in June, we were offered the privilege of a peer visitor, to be able to visit patients without escort. We accepted this honor, but have also learned it is usually better to check with the front desk or nurses station leader for each Ward or Section to be informed about the patients' latest health condition and ability to see us. The medical treatment and recovery of our troops remains our primary concern.

After the BRAC realignment in late August 2011, we will be adjusting to a new schedule, and likely some new visiting sites. Information, contact points, and any new policy guidance will be shared with you when it is released by the hospital command. Please stay tuned for further changes as they occur.

Our early afternoon visiting time will not change, since that is the best time to see the maximum number of patients and family members. Our Chapter/LAMOPH hospital visits next month will be scheduled for the latter part of the month to maximize availability of patients, and participation by Chapter and LAMOPH members. All participating members will be notified in advance.

This message is sent as a blind copy to most of you. If you do not want to receive this information, or these reports, please feel free to send a reply with REMOVE in the

subject line, and your request will be honored. Thank you, and Best Regards.

Yours in Patriotism,

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