



THE PURPLE HEARTBEAT

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS' NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ADJUTANT'S CALL . . .

Politics and Campaigns. CAUTION is the watchword for the year. The wearing of any MOPH official uniform specific item (i.e., cover/hat, blazer w/crest or MOPH logo) at any political event is not authorized. Patriot Members and their Ladies are reminded of the provision in the MOPH Constitution and *Bylaws* Re: Political Activity . Section 10, Public Law 85-761, incorporating the MOPH, specifically addresses the NONPOLITICAL NATURE OF THE CORPORATION. ARTICLE XV, to Preserve the Integrity of the Order, Section 6, specifically addresses “.. shall not contribute, ..support, ...or assist ANY PARTY or candidate....” Please do keep in mind that the President of the United States IS the Honorary National Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA., Inc.

March-on-the-Hill (MOTH). I want to correct my item on MOTH in last month's *Call*. There is **no funding constraint on MOPH** for MOTH in March 2012, but the known and anticipated Congressional schedule clearly indicated that it would be in the best interests of the Order to cancel this year's MOTH.

Elections Reminder. As elections draw near, Chapter and Department Commanders are reminded of the voting procedures included in the MOPH Bylaws. A misconception seems to exist as to who is allowed to vote at Department Conventions. Chapter Commanders should insure that delegates are selected who then represent their Chapter and vote at the Department Convention (**One** for each **twelve** active members or major fraction thereof in good standing in the Chapter at the time of the election). It is highly recommended that all Chapter and Department Commanders reacquaint themselves with the Bylaws - specifically Part II, Article VI (Delegates to Conventions) and Part II, Article VII (Departments), Sections 3, 6, and 12.

NSO Training. We'll have our annual NSO training in Orlando FL March 18-22; this training is vital to keeping our NSOs on the cutting edge to support client veterans. You may or may not be aware that we get constant praise from veterans about our NSOs and that our NSOs are often chosen over those from other veteran organizations because of MOPH's reputation for obtaining outstanding results.

Yours in Patriotism,
Jack Leonard



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MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART 80TH NATIONAL CONVENTION LAMOPH 79th

7-11 August 2012

The Scottsdale Plaza Resort
7200 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85253

Reservations: [1.800.832.2025](tel:18008322025) – Identify as Military Order of the Purple Heart

Deadline for reservations: Friday, **7 July 2012**

NO Reservations at the group rate will be taken after this date

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN: ROBERT PUSKAR
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PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE BELOW INFORMATION

NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS - This year we begin the MOPH-LAMOPH Separate Registration process. MOPH Members (Life & Associate) will use ONLY the MOPH Form; LAMOPH (Life & Associate) will use ONLY the LAMOPH Form - Each is to be accompanied with a single check for that form only. Because of the separate accounting, we will return any combined checks. Registration forms and more Convention information will be in the March/April *Purple Heart Magazine*.



Ms. Jennifer Pereyra, Supply Manager, received MOPH Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing five years of dedicated service, 2006-2011. [Presented by (L-R): Senior Vice Commander Bruce McKenty, National Commander William Hutton, and Junior Vice Commander Ron Siebels.]



2012
National Convention
Scottsdale, Arizona

Convention Book Advertising

<u>AD SIZE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AD CONTACT INFORMATION</u>	<u>MEDIA FORMAT</u>
Full Page	\$ 275	David Alegria P.O. Box 132 Tucson, Arizona 85702 Email: peacefulheart70@hotmail.com Phone: 520-247-5988 Make checks out to: Military Order of the Purple Heart	Color or Black & White PDF, PowerPoint, Word, Illustrator or EPS
Half Page	\$ 150		
Quarter Page	\$ 100		Convention Book Size 8 ½ x 11

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2/22/2012

80th National Convention, Scottsdale, Arizona
7 - 11 August 2012
Preliminary Schedules

MOPH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 — 5:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
9:00 — 5:00 Registration, HQ Office
9:00 — 11:30 National Finance Committee
11:30 — 1:00 **New Attendee Lunch Buffet**
1:30 — 3:00 NFC Continuation if required
3:00 — 5:00 National Executive Committee
7:00 — 8:00 **Joint MOPH/LAMOPH Opening**
8:00 — 11:00 Hospitality

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
7:00 — 8:30 **NC Breakfast (Dept Cmdrs)**
8:00 — 5:00 National Office
8:00 — 5:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
8:30 — 11:30 Convention Business Session
12:00 — 1:30 **PNC/PNP Lunch**
1:30 — 5:30 Convention Business Session-Workshops
5:30 National Public Relations Committee
6:30 Legislative Committee
7:00 Bylaws Committee
6:00 — 11:00 Hospitality

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
6:30 — 8:00 **Time and Place Committee**
8:00 — 11:30 Convention Business Session
8:00 — 12:00 National Office
8:00 — 5:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
1:00 — Local Event or Free Time
6:00 — 11:00 Hospitality

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
8:00 — 12:00 Convention Business Session
8:00 — 3:00 National Office
8:00 — 3:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
1:00 — 3:00 Regional Caucuses
4:00 — 5:00 **Memorial Service**
6:00 — 11:00 Hospitality

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
8:00 — 11:00 Convention Business Session
11:00 — 12:30 National Executive Committee
1:30 — 3:30 National Finance Committee
4:00 Catholic Mass
6:00 Reception
7:00 Banquet (Suit/Tie/Black-tie)

LAMOPH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 — 5:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
9:00 — 5:00 Registration, HQ Office
12:00 — 2:00 National Finance Committee

2:00 — 5:00 National Executive Committee
7:00 — 8:00 **Joint MOPH/LAMOPH Opening**
8:00 — 11:00 Hospitality

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality

8:00 — 5:00 National Office
8:00 — 5:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
8:00 — 11:30 Convention Business Session
12:00 — 1:30 **PNC/PNP Lunch**
1:30 — 5:30 Convention Business Session

6:00 — 11:00 Hospitality

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality

8:00 — 12:00 Convention Business Session
8:00 — 12:00 National Office
8:00 — 5:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
1:00 — Local Event or Free Time
6:00 — 11:00 Hospitality

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
8:00 — 12:00 Convention Business Session
8:00 — 3:00 National Office
8:00 — 3:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
1:00 — 3:00 **LAMOPH Tea**
4:00 — 5:00 **Memorial Service**
6:00 — 11:00 Hospitality

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
8:00 — 11:00 Convention Business Session
11:00 — 12:30 TBD
1:30 — 3:30 TBD
4:00 Catholic Mass
6:00 Reception
7:00 Banquet –Dress Accordingly

***** THIS SCHEDULE IS PRELIMINARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF CONVENTION *****

MOPH MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS - ONE OF A SERIES

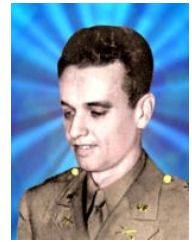
PATRIOT DONALD E. RUDOLPH

On 5 February 1945, T/Sergeant Rudolph, a Platoon Leader in the 20th Infantry, Sixth Infantry Division, was administering first aid in the battle for the heavily defended Luzon town of Muñoz when his men came under fire from Japanese soldiers concealed in a culvert. With riflemen covering him, Sergeant Rudolph moved forward alone, carrying his rifle and grenades.



According to the Medal of Honor citation, he killed three Japanese soldiers in the culvert, then worked his way across open ground and attacked pillboxes housing machine guns that were immobilizing his company.

He hurled a grenade through an opening in the first pillbox, tore away the wood and tin covering with his bare hands, then dropped another grenade inside. He then grabbed a pick mattock* and used it to pierce a second pillbox, which he took out with rifle fire and a grenade, sealing its openings with earth to smother any enemy still alive inside. In quick succession, he neutralized six more pillboxes, and when his platoon was attacked by a Japanese tank, he climbed to its top and dropped a white phosphorus grenade through the turret, killing the crew.



He was given a battlefield commission as a Second Lieutenant, and was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Harry S. Truman on Aug. 23, 1945. He was cited for acting in "complete disregard for his own safety" and having "cleared a path for an advance which culminated in one of the most decisive victories of the Philippine campaign."



Patriot Rudolph, a native of South Haven and member of MN Chapter 0268, retired from military service in 1963 and worked as a benefits counselor for the Veterans Administration in Minnesota until his final retirement in 1976. He died from complications of Alzheimer's disease in Grand Rapids, MN on May 25, 2006 and is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. US Highway 7 north from Highway 169 to Bigfork MN is known as the *Donald Rudolph Medal of Honor Scenic Byway*. While taking part in a Veterans Day parade in Minneapolis in 1969, Patriot Rudolph told the Washington Post: "When I see the flag, it does something to me inside. I want to jump up and salute."

(Sources: NY Times, 30 May 2006, Wikipedia) (* Head of pick mattock combines a pick and adze.)

POST OFFICE BOXES FOR CHAPTERS AND DEPARTMENTS



Rather than having official Purple Heart mail coming to the personal address of an officer, Chapter and Department Commanders should consider establishing a formal address that utilizes postal mail boxes. The cost is usually minimal, starting at \$10.00 for the rental of a small box for six months. Using PO boxes would fix the address for a relatively long period of time and enhance postal communication, remove the dependence on personal addresses that can readily change, and eventually lead to a valuable comprehensive directory of MOPH addresses for both Headquarters and other MOPH entities to use.

"The Pentagon is like a log going down the river with 25,000 ants on it, each thinking he's steering the log."

Henry S. Rowen, *Washington Post*, 10 December 1961

MOPH CALENDAR

MARCH 2012

- 15-23 ANNUAL NSO TRAINING, ORLANDO FL
- 21..... COMMANDER'S CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY WASHINGTON DC
- 24..... NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP MEETING, ST LOUIS MO
- 31..... NFC MID-YEAR MEETING, ALEXANDRIA VA
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

APRIL 2012

- 01..... MAGAZINE DEADLINE MAY/JUNE ISSUE
- 13..... PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR MEETING, NEW YORK

MAY 2012

- 19..... ARMED FORCES DAY
- 22..... MOPH SERVICE FOUNDATION MEETING, MYRTLE BEACH FL
- 28..... MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED - HQ CLOSED

JUNE 2012

- 01..... MAGAZINE DEADLINE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE
- 30..... NFC MEETING, ALEXANDRIA VA

JULY 2012

- 04..... INDEPENDENCE DAY - HQ CLOSED
- 07..... FINAL DUE DATE FOR CONVENTION REGISTRATION**
- 18..... INVESTMENT COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE
- 20..... PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR ANNUAL MEETING, NY

AUGUST 2012

- 01..... MAGAZINE DEADLINE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ISSUE
- 07-11 NATIONAL CONVENTION, SCOTTSDALE AZ

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 08..... 2012-2013 LEADERSHIP MEETING, ALEXANDRIA VA
- 19-21 NSO TRAINING, ORLANDO FL

2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION, ROGERS AR..... AUGUST 06-10, 2013
 2014 NATIONAL CONVENTION, DENVER CO..... AUGUST 05-09, 2014

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WAR BIRDS



The **North American F-86 Sabre**, a transonic jet, is best known as America's first swept wing fighter used to counter the similarly-winged *Soviet MIG-15 FAG-OT* in dogfights during the Korean War. Although developed in the late 1940s and outdated by the end of the 1950s, the *Sabre* proved versatile and adaptable, with the Bolivian Air Force retiring the last active models in 1994. A total of 9,860 *Sabres* were produced between 1949 and 1956. The F-86 was produced as both a fighter interceptor and fighter bomber, with the bomber versions carrying bombs, napalm, and rockets. Learning to fly the *Sabre* was apparently hazardous. The pilots trained at Nellis, where the casualty rate was so high they were told, "If you ever see the flag at full staff, take a picture." By the end of hostilities, F-86 pilots shot down 792 *MIGs* while losing only 78 *Sabres*, a victory ratio of 10:1. The *Side-winder* air-to-air missile was instrumental to these victories.

ANNUAL FILING FORMS

Remember - you can download the ever so important annual filing forms from our website, www.purpleheart.org. by going to "Members" and then click "Download Forms & Documents" from the drop down menu. The forms are under "Blank Chapter & Department Forms." You do not have to login to access the forms. Chapters and Departments **MUST** submit both an Election Report and a Finance Report or they will **NOT** qualify for delegates at the National Convention and will not be paid LM dues rebates. The new Finance Report form now requires two attachments: Receipt for your IRS Form 990 Filing and the Chapter or Department Property List. **Chapter and Department Adjutants should receive a computer disc with all pertinent forms the 2nd or 3rd week in March.**

