

Information Update from Purple Heart Delegate to the Federation of War Veterans Societies Inc. on the 2011 Veterans Day Parade in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

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Dear Pittsburgh Patriots,

As one of the four (4), 2011-2012 Delegates of the Purple Heart to the Federation of War Veterans Societies Inc., I feel it necessary to let everyone know the truth of the upcoming and "Future Veterans Day Parades in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania."

I'll start by saying I'll be quoting some information from the Minutes of their last Regular Meeting of September 21, 2011. Some info might seem irrelevant to everyone but it's intended to get the **"DELEGATES FROM ALL ORGANIZATIONS"** to come to the Meetings.

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:30 P.M. That's the time of all of the Meetings. The Next Meeting is written in the Minutes the Delegates receive in the Mail.

Only 9 Organizations showed up for the Meeting of September 21, 2011 in some form or capacity, denoting a Quorum, allowing the Meeting to take place. At the Meeting before this one being reported on, even with all that mine and I are going through, I managed to make it to the Meeting and only 6 Organizations showed up. This just made a Quorum allowing the Meeting to take place. Except for the American Legion and VFW which are pretty much always well represented, there were very few other Delegates from other Organizations like mine. Keep in mind these were the last few Meetings right before the Veterans Day Parade in Pittsburgh. Additional information related to the Veterans Day Parade can be found on the [MOPH, Dept. of PA. Website](#) at, [Webmasters Corner](#), or go directly to,

<http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/Attendance%20Form%20for%20Allegheny%20County%20Veterans%20Day%20Parade%202011.pdf>.

Note: Each Organization of the Federation gets 4 Delegates who can Vote. Past Federation Commanders also receive Votes. So, if 9 Organizations were present, it could mean only 9 showed of the possible 36 Delegates Allowed. **This is not counting Past Federation Commanders of the many, many Organizations who've thought it important enough at one time to join in concert with our brothers to further our Mutual Agendas.**

Comrades in Sickness and Distress: There were **No Reported Comrades in Distress** from the many Organizations in the Federation.

Trophy Program: At present there were only four (4) Donations for Trophies.

For this Program to succeed, [“Get Your Donations In Now”!](#) Posted: August 19, 2011 on the MOPH, Dept. of PA. Website. Remember to name a Presenter for the Trophy at the Ceremony.

Anthony Filardi, Adjutant reported that the Parade will stage on Liberty Avenue at Grant Street (next to the Greyhound Bus Station). Division 1 will stage there.

Division 2 (which is the VFW Division) will stage behind Division 1 approximately at 15TH Street on Liberty Avenue.

Division 3 (which is the Other Organizations Division), including the Purple Heart) will stage behind Division 2 on Liberty Avenue approximately at 19TH Street.

Division 4 (which is the American Legion Division), will stage behind Division 3 on Liberty Avenue, approximately at 23RD Street.

They will follow Grant Street to the Blvd. of the Allies and turn right and proceed on the Blvd. and end past the Reviewing Stand located on the Blvd. at Stanwix Street. Same as last year.

The Parade Arm-Bands to be distributed by JVC, Jeff Pope. Organizations are urged to get **their** Parade Marshalls to attend and receive their Arm Bands.

At the Meeting of August 17TH 2011 there was discussion on how lack of participation of Organizations will probably affect the future Veterans Day Parades in Pittsburgh. No participation means little or no money to pay for and fight for the Parade. “Next Years’ Veterans Day Parade *and those to follow* may be in jeopardy,” stated some of the Line Officers of the Federation.

Writers’ Personal Viewpoint: Lack of participation is hurting all Organizations. Personally, I’ve heard it all. Calling all our Members I’ve heard it all. The wife of a Member states, “He’s in the Yard”, “He’s always working hard in the yard, but I’ll try to run him down.” He answers the phone, then after long discussions of their problems, and what or how we could do for them, I fit it in the Meetings are only once a month and we’ll change if it means getting you to come. Then they say, “I can’t, I’m hurting, I can’t walk, I’m too busy.” I’m at a loss.

New Business:

1. Proclamations for the Parade by Allegheny County Council will be held at the Gold Room in the Court House Building on October 4TH at 5:00 P.M. If you are going, be there at least by 4:30 P.M.
2. Proclamations for the Parade by the City of Pittsburgh Council will be held in Council Chambers on November 1ST at 10:00 A.M. If you are attending, be there by 9:30 A.M. This is the City County Building on Grant Street.

Next Regular Meeting of the Federation of War Veterans Societies Inc. is on October 19, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Museum and Hall.