



## ***Department of Pennsylvania June 2011 News Bulletin***

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### **Upcoming Important Dates**

Flag Day – June 14, 2011

Father's Day – June 19, 2011

First Day of Summer – June 21, 2011

Independence Day – July 4, 2011

Purple Heart Day – August 7, 2011

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### **Alert: Cell Phones for Soldiers...**

[http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/ALERT Cell Phones 4 Soldiers MAJOR CHANGES in Shipping via FedEX.pdf](http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/ALERT_Cell_Phones_4_Soldiers_MAJOR_CHANGES_in_Shipping_via_FedEX.pdf)

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## **June News Items**

### **Email from Casey Nottage of MOPH National received June 30, 2011.**

Sent to the following members on behalf of the National Adjutant:

The Parking Clearance at the Crowne is **5'9"** – the Department of Minnesota has been in contact with Capital City Plaza Parking, just across/around the corner from the Hotel.

Their Clearance is **7'** – both parking is \$10.00/night. Please have identification at the City Plaza Parking which identifies your attendance at the MOPH Convention at the Crowne.

You can also contact the Convention Coordinator Bob Connor: 612.369.6491

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## **Pennsylvania Veterans Emergency Assistance with Counties Contact Information**

<http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/Application Form 171 Nov2010.pdf>,

<http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/State Benefit Booklet 2011.pdf>,

and for your convenience,

<http://www.mophdepartmentpa.org/Pennsylvania Veterans Emergency Assistance with Counties Contact Information.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.

Emergency Assistance Program Manager

Michael Smith

Veterans Service Specialist

FTIG, Building S-0-47

Annville, PA 17003

717-861-8909 or 1-800-547-2838

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## COUNTY DIRECTOR LISTING

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

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# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

## **SCAM: 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.

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

### **Tri-County Chapter 1983 Military Order of the Purple Heart**

Mail/Phone: 172 Oxford Road  
Annville, PA 17003-8654  
[RQKECK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RQKECK@GMAIL.COM)  
(717) 534 1525

## 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.



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