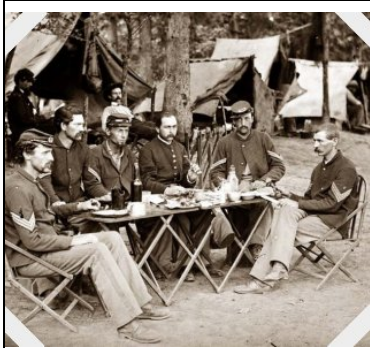




THE PURPLE HEARTBEAT
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS' NEWSLETTER



We wish all Patriots and their families a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

From all of us at MOPH HQ



DEPARTMENT CONVENTION NOTIFICATION

It's that time of year again to submit the dates and location of your Department Convention so we can schedule attendance of National and Region Commanders; until we have all your data, we cannot complete the schedule. Please do not assume attendance of any National or Region Officer until notification by the National Adjutant. Please do not call in information as it must be in writing - email, fax, or mail.

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Deadline: We MUST have your input no later than close of business on January 25, 2011 to complete planning for National Officer visits to Department Conventions before the March-on-the-Hill evolution which begins on 22 March 2011. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

THANKSGIVING IN KOREA

At age 73, reflecting back on his many Thanksgiving seasons, Harold Latham's most memorable Thanksgiving occurred during a bitter cold winter of the Korean War. 'I was sitting there with the rain and snow hitting my steel pot,' he recalled. 'It got awful cold in the mud there, just a nasty place to be. I was a rifleman, just grunting my way through. Then they brought us a hot dinner on the back of a deuce and a half, right up to the line. They'd feed half of us, while the other half held the line. We had turkey and all, then it was back to action. For a little while, though, it was like home . . . the food anyway.'



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ALSO ENCLOSED:

- CHAPTERS: October 2010 Roster of Monthly Changes
DEPARTMENTS: October 2010 Membership Status Report & Chapters Roster of Monthly Changes

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Life Membership Rebate checks will be distributed with the December 2010 Newsletter.

NATIONAL ADJUTANT'S CALL . . .

Dear Patriots,

2010 Veterans' Day Activities. Once again, MOPH deeply appreciates the emails and photos describing and sharing all the various 2010 Veterans' Day Activities that MOPH/LAMOPH participated in during these past several weeks.

In the Washington DC area, Headquarters and the Departments of Virginia and Maryland teamed to cover as many celebrations and observances as possible. National Commander Jones wishes to inform the Membership of his two weeks of honor in representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

♥ 4 November -- with Junior Vice Commander Bruce McKenty, PR Director John Bircher, National Adjutant Jack Leonard, National Service Director Frank Van Hoy and Deputy Service Director Jim Richards, Commander & Mrs. Jones participated in the opening of The American Veterans Center's 13th Annual Conference at the Navy Memorial, Washington DC, with the manning of a PH Panel (old & young vets) before an audience of dignitaries and recently wounded/injured Service Men and Women from Walter Reed, Bethesda, Brooke Army, VA hospitals and Rehab Centers.

♥ 5 November – with JVC McKenty, NA Leonard and NSD Van Hoy, Commander Jones called on Dr. Mary Beth Skupien, Deputy Director for the Office of Public Health Support in Washington DC, to discuss Health Care Delivery to Native Americans.

♥ 6 November – **0900** Commander Jones, JVC McKenty, PRD Bircher & NA Leonard greeted the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight (WI) at Reagan National Airport.

1450 Commander Jones, JVC McKenty & PRD Bircher returned to the AVC panel: *Seal of Honor: The Life of the First Medal of Honor Recipient from Afghanistan, Lt. Michael P. Murphy*

1800 Commander and Mrs. Jones, Legislative Director & Mrs. Hershel Gober, Adjutant & Mrs. Leonard, Service Director & Mrs. Van Hoy, PR Director & Mrs. Bircher and Junior Vice Commander McKenty concluded the AVC with a Gala Dinner at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington DC.

♥ 9 November – **0930** Commander Jones, Adjutant Leonard and Service Director Van Hoy were invited to call on Secretary Shinseki at the Department of Veterans' Affairs to discuss Health Care Delivery to Native Americans, Handicapped Veterans going through TSA and Veterans' Hire. Following that meeting, they were invited to call on Assistant Secretary Tammy Duckworth.

1800 Commander Jones, Adjutant Leonard, Service Director Van Hoy and Deputy Service Director Richards represented the MOPH at the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) honoring Service and Sacrifice of women at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial (WIMSA), Arlington Cemetery.

♥ 10 November - Commander Jones was accompanied by Adjutant Leonard, Sergeant-at-Arms Swords & NJ Department Commander Van Ess at the Marine Corps Birthday Parade, Iwo Jima Memorial – Arlington Ridge. This was followed by a reception hosted by the Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation at the Embassy of Canada, Washington DC. Of great honor was the MOPH representation at the remarkable reception hosted by WIMSA "A Salute to the Women of World War II."

♥ 11 November – **Veterans' Day!** While National Commander and Mrs. Jones sat with Vice President Biden for a White House breakfast and represented MOPH at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Patriots Swords and Van Ess laid wreaths at the World War II and Korean War Memorials. The MOPH Color Guard was captained by Member John Weis and Associate Member Tanya Cobb. Mrs. Jones was joined by Member Al Ortiz, LAMOPH Member Val Ortiz and Member Steve Cobb at the Arlington National Cemetery. Sergeant-at-Arms Swords and NJ Department Commander Van Ess also represented MOPH by participating in the wreath laying ceremonies at the Vietnam Wall Memorial. The final event was the reception at the National Press Club, which was hosted by the 2010 Veterans' Day Celebration Committee host, the Legion of Valor of the USA. Commander and Mrs. Jones spent well over three hours representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart by visiting with hundreds of the United States Armed Forces Men and Women who have and continue to serve the United States and support all veterans!

Pre-Order Americanism Items now. Please use the form on page 5 to pre-order needed Recruiting and Americanism items.

Yours in Patriotism,
Jack Leonard



"Chatfield, there seems to be something wrong with our bloody ships today!"

Admiral Sir David Beatty, 31 May 1916, observing how British cruisers blew up after direct hits at the battle of Jutland.

MOPH FACT SHEET

October 2010

The **Order's** Annual Operating Budget is approximately \$11.7 million of which nearly \$8 million goes to support the National Service Program. The majority of the funding is received from the **MOPH Service Foundation** through either restricted or unrestricted grants. The **Service Foundation** receives their money through various fundraising activities, such as thrift stores and a vehicle donation program. The **Order** has a number of national programs which are described below:

National Service Program (NSP)

1. The NSP operates a national network of 90 service offices from Guam to Puerto Rico. Over 32,000 veterans and dependents receive expert assistance in obtaining well deserved benefits from the VA from **MOPH's** service staff comprised of over 155 trained and accredited National Service Officers (NSOs), managers and assistants. In addition to its paid staff, the **Order** has a dedicated corps of volunteer Department and Chapter Service Officers who also provide assistance to veterans.
2. In the twelve months prior to July 2010, **MOPH** NSOs obtained nearly \$213 million in VA benefits for their clients, submitted over 9,000 claims to the VA, processed over 450 appeals, appeared at over 170 hearings, and made over 3,700 outreach visits to Vet Centers, Hospitals and MOPH chapters. These numbers do not reflect the contacts and visits made by MOPH volunteer Department and Chapter Service Officers.
3. The **MOPH** Service Program also provides expert legal opinions and representation for veterans before the Board of Veterans Appeal (BVA) and the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC). MOPH is one of only four Veterans Service Organizations which provide appellate service before the CAVC. Only MOPH represents any veteran regardless of membership or affiliation. The **MOPH** does not accept government funds for any case brought to appeal.
4. When not assisting veterans directly, **MOPH** National Service Officers are required to attend local VA training, successfully complete an On-the-Job Training Program, and one week of annual training in order to maintain their accreditation.
5. The **MOPH** is proud of its NSO-designed veterans case management system, VCMS. Its web-based client database, automated VA Forms, and reports provide rapid client response, and excellent case oversight.

Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)

1. A centerpiece of **MOPH** funded activities is our superb VAVS program which assists Veterans in VA facilities and State Veteran operated Homes. The **MOPH Service Foundation** provides each Department with VAVS grants to provide clothing, personal hygiene items, etc., to veterans in need.
2. The **Order** has volunteers throughout the country who donate their time at VA Facilities. In 2009, the **Order** logged in more than 96,000 hours at over 100 sites, the equivalent of more than 50 full-time VA employees (FTE).
3. **MOPH** also recently established a VAVS scholarship program for youth volunteers working with **MOPH** Chapters and Departments nationwide. **MOPH** continues to recognize these wonderful young Americans who bring new ideas and boundless energy to our programs.

Americanism

1. **MOPH** provides materials and volunteers to visit classrooms and civic organizations nationwide wherein our Members relate their experiences in the US Armed Forces, providing historical perspective to world events.
2. Employment Opportunities for veterans is accomplished through our Job Fairs. In conjunction with the VA and Department of Labor, **MOPH** conducted three Job Fairs in 2009 which has led to the hiring of numerous OIF/OEF Veterans.
3. In 2010, the **MOPH** Scholarship Program awarded 83 scholarships, valued at more than \$250,000. These grants went to recent Purple Heart recipients, their spouses and to children and grandchildren of **MOPH** Members, including those Killed in Action (KIA).

Legislative

1. The **Order** maintains a constant presence on Capitol Hill voicing its position on numerous legislative issues concerning veterans and the military. The **Order** maintains membership in many veterans' coalitions to help bring forth a united stance on important legislative issues.
2. The **Order** has been the lead Veterans' Organization on the DoD regulation awarding the Purple Heart to POW's who died in captivity, as well the effort to establish the Purple Heart Stamp as a perpetual 1st Class postage stamp.

PURPLE HEART MEMBER PUSHES THROUGH NEW LOUISIANA PURPLE HEART LICENSE PLATE

MOPH Member Lester Stroud, with Chapter 1994, Louisiana, took eight years but finally got a new design of the Louisiana Purple Heart License plate signed into law by the state's Governor in late 2009. Stroud's changes increased the size of the medal on the plate and added the words "Combat Wounded" below the medal. The plate is now in production and ready for distribution. All Purple Heart Medal recipients with registered vehicles in Louisiana are eligible for the new plate which is a free life time issue with a one-time administration fee of \$11.50.



Patriot Stroud was in the Navy and served in WW II and the Korean War, getting wounded during the Inchon landing in Korea in 1951. After healing from his wounds, he worked for the Houston Light and Power Company as a trouble shooter, rising to foreman before retiring.

Patriot Stroud is to be commended for his perseverance and dedication in single-handedly creating and making available this attractive and distinctive license plate for Louisiana's population of Purple Heart recipients.

THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR



It's the Civil War's Sesquicentennial (150 years) anniversary - historians date the war from 1860 to 1865, even though the attack on Fort Sumter in 1861 was the beginning of combat.

"Roughly 75 percent of eligible Southern men and more than 60 percent of eligible Northerners served, compared with a tiny fraction today, and more than one million were killed or wounded. Fighting in close formation, some regiments lost 80 percent of their men in a single battle. Three days at Gettysburg killed and wounded more Americans than nine years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq. Nearly one in three Confederate soldiers died - a statistic that helps explain the deep sense of loss that lasted in the South for over a century."

"As horrific as these numbers are, they're made graphic by pioneering photography of the Civil War. It's hard for us to conjure up the Minuteman of 1776. but we can look into the eyes of the Union and Confederate recruits, study their poses, see emotion in their faces. They look lean (and they were: on the average, Civil War soldiers were 40 pounds lighter than young men today) but their faces are strikingly modern and jaunty."

"Then there are individuals that defy classification, like this one from a Pennsylvania muster roll: 'Sgt. Frank Mayne; deserted Aug 24, 1862; subsequently killed in battle in another regiment, and discovered to be a woman; real name, Frances Day. "

(*The 150-Year War*, Tony Horwitz, *New York Times*, Oct 31, 2010)



The Supply Room will close for the Holidays effective December 1, 2010 and re-open on January 16, 2011. **Please plan your purchases accordingly.**

Quote: "You cannot pay my Marines enough for what they do for this nation. But you sure can pay them too little."

General Charles Krulak, testimony before the House Armed Services Committee, quoted in the San Diego Union-Tribune, 23 February 1999.

UPCOMING MOPH EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2010

25-26..... THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY OBSERVED, HQ CLOSED

DECEMBER 2010

1..... MAGAZINE DEADLINE FOR JAN.FEB ISSUE

7..... PEARL HARBOR DAY

24..... CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OBSERVED, HQ CLOSED

31..... HQ CLOSES



JANUARY 2011

14..... NFC INVESTMENT CONFERENCE CALL

17..... MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY OBSERVED, HQ CLOSED

FEBRUARY 2011

1..... MAGAZINE DEADLINE FOR MAR/APR ISSUE

16..... SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

21..... PRESIDENTS' DAY OBSERVED, HQ CLOSED

22..... WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

MARCH 2011

12..... SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING, ST. LOUIS MO

22-24..... MARCH-ON-THE-HILL, WASHINGTON DC

23..... COMMANDERS PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS
MOPH RECEPTION, WASHINGTON DC

25..... LEADERSHIP EXECUTIVE MEETING, ARLINGTON VA

26..... NFC MID-YEAR MEETING, ARLINGTON VA

27..... ANNUAL NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING, ORLANDO FL BEGINS

APRIL 2011

1..... MAGAZINE DEADLINE FOR MAY/JUNE ISSUE

4..... ANNUAL NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING, ORLANDO FL ENDS

MAY 2011

(TBA)..... DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS

30..... MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED—HQ CLOSED

JUNE 2011

(TBA)..... DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS

1..... MAGAZINE DEADLINE FOR JULY/AUGUST ISSUE

15..... NFC CONFERENCE CALL

JULY 2011

16..... NFC FY 2012 BUDGET MEETING, ARLINGTON, VA

AUGUST 2011

1..... MAGAZINE DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ISSUE

7..... PURPLE HEART DAY

9-13..... NATIONAL CONVENTION, ST PAUL MN

FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION, SCOTTSDALE AZ..... AUGUST 7-11, 2012

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WAR BIRDS



B-17 Flying Fortress

One of the largest aircraft used in WWII, the B-17 was primarily employed in the daylight precision bombing of German targets. It flew in the Pacific as well but on a limited basis against Japanese shipping and airfields.

Designed in the late 1930's, 12,731 B-17s were built between 1936 and 1945. It dropped more bombs than any other aircraft in the war.

Its precision bombing was due to the then secret Norden bombsight, which was an optical electro-mechanical gyro-stabilized analog computer. With that sight, the bombardier took over control of the plane during the bomb run - you've seen the movies.

The Fortress endeared itself to its flight crews by getting them home despite incredible damage.

Old Army Saying: "Flying is better than walking. Walking is better than running. Running is better than crawling. All of the above are better than extraction by Med-Evac, even if this is technically a form of flying."