



Military Order of the Purple Heart

Department of Pennsylvania

For Combat Wounded Veterans, "In War there is no substitute for Victory".



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2011 Wheelchair Games

Important E-mail from Dept. Senior Vice Commander from Ch. 170, Chaplain Bruce Boice.

PATRIOT SCOTT, CHAPTER COMMANDERS

PLEASE PUT THIS ON WEB SIGHT. CHAPTER 170 HAS 4 MEMBERS GOING TO HELP. IS THERE ANY OTHER CHAPTERS GETTING INVOLVED?

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the 2011 Wheelchair Games! This will be a great opportunity for us to give back to our Veterans.

Our registration site is now available online. Please take a few minutes to fill out the registration. This will help the volunteer committee to make final assignments.

<http://www.shrs.pitt.edu/nvwg/>

Please include:

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- E-mail
- T-shirt size
- Dates available
- Times available
- Volunteer Choices

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Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 170 is offering Free Clothing to Veterans in need.

Press Release: October 29, 2010



In recent weeks, Bob Lord of Doylestown has been seen at numerous department stores throughout the area — but probably not for the reason you’d expect.

The 63-year-old retired insurance executive isn’t a shopaholic, nor is he getting a jump on this year’s Christmas list. Rather, he’s going store-to-store acquiring some \$10,000 worth of goods. The new items - from shirts and sweaters to T-shirts and wind-breakers for kids and grownups - will be distributed for free to needy veterans and their families in the region.

It’s a project of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 170, based in Willow Grove, of which Lord is a member. The MOPH is the organization chartered by Congress for combat-wounded veterans, not to be confused with the group that collects used items.

“There’s a need not only because of the economy, but because many vets find themselves in difficult circumstances through no fault of their own,” said Lord, a decorated Vietnam vet. “This is a way to give back to them.”

Lord is buying the new goods, at a store discount, with money raised by Chapter 170 and its 280 members from throughout the Delaware Valley, all veterans of World War II through current conflicts. They will distribute the merchandise to needy vets and their families in the Philadelphia region on four dates in November and December at the Central Bucks Senior Center, 700 Shady Retreat Road, Doylestown. Times are Nov. 15, noon to 4 p.m.; Nov. 29, 2 to 6 p.m.; Dec. 6, 1 to 5 p.m., and Dec. 13, 1 to 5 p.m.

The first-time effort is one of several in which MOPH Chapter 170 is involved year round. Its top priority, it says, is to help any veteran in need with counseling services and money. The all-volunteer organization also assists “Comfort House” in West Philadelphia, a “home away from home” for out-of-town vets visiting Philadelphia for medical attention.

Other efforts include work with the Southeastern Veterans Center; Delaware Valley Nursing Home; Widows of Fallen Police Officers; Coatesville VA Hospital and the Multi Vet Center. The latter offers help with education, food and clothing. In addition, Chapter 170 has helped Bucks County Veterans Affairs purchase a van for vet transportation.

For additional information on the give-away, call Chapter 170 at 215-489-8609 or 215-822-7151.

For those of you who haven't updated your Computer Operating System but still wish to view all Newer Formatted Microsoft Extension Files such as .docx and .pptx Files. This is a Replacement Viewer for all previous Viewers.

Microsoft has released free Word & PowerPoint viewers to enable computer users to read documents created by the latest version of Microsoft Office, 2007.

Microsoft Office 2007 uses a new Office Open XML format that is not understood by previous versions of the software. Word documents now carry a .docx extension and PowerPoint presentations have become .pptx files. Computer users who do not own Microsoft Office can now view these kinds of documents using one of the following free downloads.

Word 2007 Viewer for .docx files at,

www.microsoft.com/downloads/en/details.aspx?FamilyId=3657CE88-7CFA-457A-9AEC-F4F827F20CAC&displaylang=en

PowerPoint 2007 Viewer for .pptx files at,

www.microsoft.com/downloads/en/details.aspx?familyid=048DC840-14E1-467D-8DCA-19D2A8FD7485&displaylang=en

Alternatively, users of Microsoft Office XP and 2003 can view, create, edit, and save documents in these new formats by installing the [Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack](#).

Source: *Digital Inspiration*. <http://www.ofzenandcomputing.com/zanswers/866>

Remember this next time you walk up to the ticket window of your local movie theater with \$10 in your hand.

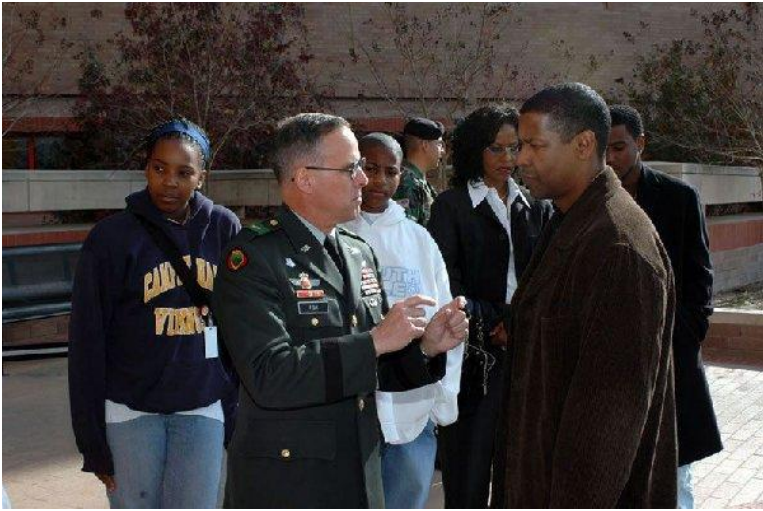
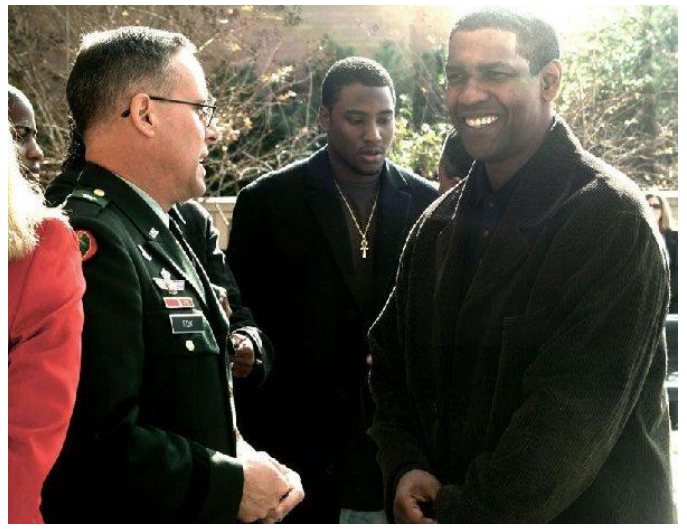
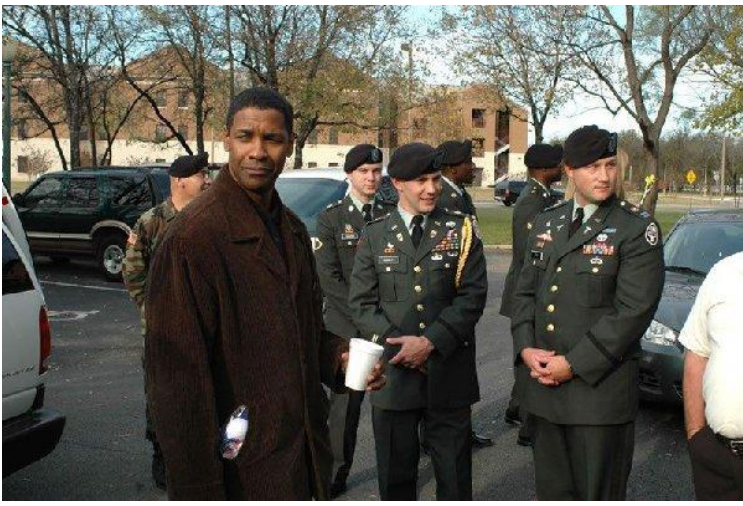
The Media (Accidently?) missed this one!!!!

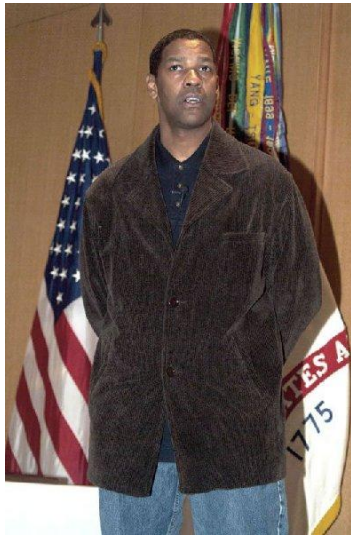
Subject: Denzel Washington, and Brooks Army Medical Center.

Don't know whether you heard about this but **Denzel Washington** and his family visited the troops at Brook Army Medical Center, in San Antonio , Texas, (BAMC) the other day. This is where soldiers who have been evacuated from Germany come to be hospitalized in the United States, especially burn victims. There are some buildings there called Fisher Houses. The Fisher House is a Hotel where soldiers' families can stay, for little or no charge, while their soldier is staying in the Hospital. BAMC has quite a few of these houses on base, but as you can imagine, they are almost filled most of the time.

While **Denzel Washington** was visiting BAMC, they gave him a tour of one of the Fisher Houses. He asked how much one of them would cost to build. He took his check book out and wrote a check for the **full amount** right there on the spot.

The soldiers overseas were amazed to hear this story and want to get the word out to the American public, because it warmed their hearts to hear it. The question is - why do: Britney Spears, Lindsay Lohan, Paris Hilton?





A true American and friend to all in uniform!

Pennsylvania

From: Representative Mark J. Gergely, D - 35TH District

Hunters can help their hungry neighbors

Hunters like me are looking forward to the start of Pennsylvania's rifle season this coming Monday. Before we head into the woods, I want to tell you about a pair of new laws, as well as a statewide program allowing hunters to donate deer meat to help feed hungry families.

The [Hunters Sharing the Harvest Program](#) enables hunters to donate all or a portion of your harvest. If the entire deer is donated, the hunter is asked to make a minimum \$15 tax-deductible contribution to help cover processing. Hunters donating a portion of their deer will pay the full processing fee and notify the processor to hold a specific amount of meat for the program.

A list of participating processors can be found [here](#).

Last year, the generous donations from hunters provided nearly 750,000 healthy meals through food banks, churches and other social service organizations.

New hunting laws

Hunters should also be safer in the woods thanks to a pair of new state laws that were strongly supported by the hunting community. As chairman of the bipartisan Pennsylvania Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, I was proud to help secure passage of legislation allowing the state to join the [Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact](#) and to [crack down on poaching](#).

If you have any last-minute questions before the season starts, the Pennsylvania Game Commission has complete information on its [website](#).

Good luck getting your buck.

Pittsburgh Pennsylvania:

Attention: MOPH Delegates to the Federation of War Veterans Societies

The Federation of War Veterans Societies Meeting was held on November 3RD 2010. Delegates will receive the Minutes from the meeting. The **Next Meeting** will be held on January 19TH the 3RD Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 P.M.

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum: Announced two new members to their Board of Directors as of October 2010. The new members are, Scott Havelka for the Military Order of the Purple Heart and Don McIlrath of the Korean War Veterans.

VIRUS ALERT

VERY IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ THIS - These e-mails are floating around currently.

Anyone using Internet Mail such as Yahoo, Hotmail, AOL, and so on, this information arrived this morning, direct from both Microsoft and Norton, please send it to everybody you know who has access to the Internet. You may receive an apparently harmless e-mail titled **“Here you have it”** If you open either file, a message will appear on your screen saying: 'It is too late now, your life is no longer beautiful...'

Subsequently you will LOSE EVERYTHING IN YOUR PC, and the person who sent it to you will gain access to your Name, e-mail and password. This is a new virus which started to circulate on Saturday afternoon. AOL has already confirmed the severity, and the anti-virus software's are not capable of destroying it.

The virus has been created by a hacker who calls himself 'life owner'.

PLEASE SEND A COPY OF THIS E-MAIL TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS, and ask them to PASS IT ON IMMEDIATELY!

THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY SNOPE. <http://www.snopes.com/computer/virus/hereyouhave.asp>

Subject: VVA: WARNING TO VETERANS

WARNING TO VETERANS - Forwarded by Kevin Secor, VSO Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Subject: VVA: WARNING TO VETERANS

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way.

<http://www.vaservices.org/us/index.html>

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

In addition, GC requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Mr. Daugherty at the address below.

Michael G. Daugherty
Staff Attorney
Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of General Counsel (022G2)

Thought you might like to know about this dog and his story.



The K9 above is Brutus, a military K9 at McChord.

He's huge - part Boxer and part British Bull Mastiff and tops the scales at 200 lbs. His handler took the picture. Brutus is running toward me because he knows I have some Milk Bone treats, so he's slobbering away! I had to duck around a tree just before he got to me in case he couldn't stop, but he did.

Brutus won the Congressional Medal of Honor last year from his tour in Iraq. His handler and four other soldiers were taken hostage by insurgents. Brutus and his handler communicate by sign language and he gave Brutus the signal that meant 'go away but come back and find me'. Iraqis paid no attention to Brutus. He came back later and quietly tore the throat out of one guard at one door and another guard at another door. He then jumped against one of the doors repeatedly (the guys were being held in an old warehouse) until it opened. He went in and untied his handler and they all escaped. He's the first K9 to receive this honor. If he knows you're ok, he's a big old lug and wants to sit in your lap. Enjoys the company of cats..
K-9 Congressional Medal of Honor Winner

Thought you'd find this interesting.
Talk about animal intelligence and bonding with humans!

Remember that they can't do a lot of things for themselves and that they depend on you to make their life a quality life!

Interesting and Touching Videos

You Tube: Veterans Day 2010

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBfTQK5mPe8>

You Tube: U.S. Navy Drill Team

http://www.whc.net/rjones/USN/USN_team.html

You Tube: American Tears

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmoSMkwKYBM&feature=related>

LIFE MAGAZINE:

Life Special Edition: For Those Who Served at,

<http://www.life.com/image/first/in-gallery/51631/wwii-the-pictures-we-remember?xid=newsletter>

[LIFE MAGAZINE The Vietnam War.pps](#)

From all of us to all of you... "Happy Holidays"