



THE PURPLE HEARTBEAT
NATIONAL HEADQUARTER'S NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ADJUTANT'S CALL . . .

Dear Patriots,

Veterans' Day. Veterans' Day, as you know, is 11 November. Department and Chapters should be planning their observances, trying to get as many uniformed Patriots in the public eye as possible.

Aide-de-Camp Appointments. Department Commanders - please ensure you've sent your nominations for Aide-de-Camps to me, due 15 October. The National Commander will appoint one National Aide-de-Camp for each state; these are not ceremonial positions, but ones that assist Leadership when they visit and perform other tasks as requested.

Procedures Manual. We're in the process of revising the MOPH Procedures Manual and solicit your input - take some time, review your copy and send me any changes, additions, or deletions, with copy to Robert Reny (rreny@purpleheart.org). The value of such a document increases immensely when user needs are incorporated.

Membership Processing Time. One of the repetitive questions we get at HQ is how long does it take from application submission to receipt of a membership card? It takes four to six weeks. You can use this estimate in answering local questions.

Yours in Patriotism,
Jack Leonard



THIS NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED EVERY MONTH EXCEPT AUGUST. ALL ADJUTANTS AND COMMANDERS RECEIVE A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER. ADJUTANTS RECEIVE THE SPECIFIC CHAPTER/DEPARTMENT INFORMATION.

ALSO ENCLOSED:

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

Inside this issue:

VA'S "BLUE BUTTON" AND YOU

Veterans can view their My HealtheVet personal health information using a Web browser. A new feature called the "Blue Button" provides an easy way to download personal health data to your computer or download and print. But you must have an "upgraded" account to use the new system and you achieve that status by (1) registering for the HealtheVet program (either at a VA facility or using the form on the VA's website) and (2) completing In-Person Authentication (IPA) at a VA office - a one time measure to verify your identity in person.



To find the Blue Button, go to www.myhealth.va.gov, click on "Go to My HealtheVet-enter here," and click on the button titled "Download my data." You can also see more details about the program on the site.

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CHAPTERS & DEPARTMENTS LIFE MEMBER REBATE CHECKS



The Chapters listed below are eligible to receive Rebate checks in November, as they have filed the Life Member Verification Report on time as well as the Election, Finance and IRS 990. The Departments that have filed the Election, Finance and 990 will receive their share of the Chapters that are eligible for the Rebate. If the Departments have also filed the LMV Reports, then they will also receive a rebate for their At Large members. Please direct any questions to the Membership

Reg	Dept	Chapter	Reg	Dept	Chapter	Reg	Dept	Chapter	Reg	Dept	Chapter	Reg	Dept	Chapter	Reg	Dept	Chapter
1	CT	0001	1	PA	1983	2	MN	0268	3	OR	0072	4	PR	0661	5	TX	0553
1	CT	0103	1	RI	1812	2	MN	0308	3	OR	0147	4	PR	0662	5	TX	0598
1	CT	0196	1	VA	0353	2	MN	0745	3	OR	0305	4	SC	0354	5	TX	0612
1	CT	1932	1	VA	0510	2	MN	0807	3	WA	0012	4	SC	0402	5	TX	0723
1	DE	1728	1	VA	0607	2	MN	0987	3	WA	0470	4	SC	0530	5	TX	0740
1	DE	1787	1	VA	1607	2	MO	0115	3	WA	1993	4	SC	0748	5	TX	0744
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1	MD	0122	1	VA	1965	2	MO	0821	4	AL	2201	4	SC	1781	5	TX	0782
1	MD	0561	2	IA	0462	2	NE	0200	4	AL	2203	4	SC	1890	5	TX	0911
1	MD	0570	2	IA	0777	2	NE	0260	4	AL	2204	4	SC	1948	5	TX	1836
1	MD	2222	2	IA	0861	2	NE	0632	4	AL	2205	4	SC	2005	5	TX	1849
1	NJ	0028	2	IL	0138	2	NE	0681	4	AL	2212	4	SC	2008	5	TX	1876
1	NJ	0036	2	IL	0142	2	OH	0031	4	FL	0316	4	TN	0244	5	TX	1919
1	NJ	0116	2	IL	0144	2	OH	0148	4	FL	0453	4	TN	0484	5	TX	1935
1	NJ	0181	2	IL	0159	2	OH	0473	4	FL	0466	4	TN	1928	5	TX	1937
1	NJ	0202	2	IL	0575	2	OH	0500	4	FL	0524	5	AR	0431	5	TX	1952
1	NJ	0246	2	IN	0720	2	OH	0590	4	FL	0535	5	AR	0436	5	TX	1991
1	NJ	0366	2	IN	0721	2	OH	0606	4	FL	0601	5	AR	0460	5	TX	4077
1	NJ	0522	2	IN	0736	2	OH	0620	4	FL	0705	5	AR	0467	5	TX	5077
1	NJ	0527	2	IN	1916	2	OH	0625	4	FL	0717	5	AR	0581	6	AZ	0422
1	NJ	0700	2	KY	0146	2	OH	0643	4	FL	0758	5	AR	0587	6	AZ	0442
1	NJ	0701	2	KY	0591	2	OH	0671	4	FL	0759	5	AR	0633	6	AZ	0472
1	NN	0395	2	KY	0622	2	OH	0718	4	FL	0772	5	AR	0708	6	AZ	0608
1	NN	4570	2	KY	0767	2	OH	0743	4	FL	0776	5	AR	0783	6	AZ	0691
1	NY	0003	2	KY	0769	2	OH	1974	4	FL	0795	5	CO	0375	6	AZ	0790
1	NY	0017	2	KY	2021	2	OH	1981	4	FL	0808	5	CO	0423	6	AZ	1958
1	NY	0021	2	MI	0018	2	OH	3620	4	FL	0811	5	CO	0434	6	CA	0002
1	NY	0130	2	MI	0035	2	WI	0152	4	FL	1980	5	KS	0558	6	CA	0015
1	NY	0187	2	MI	0037	2	WI	0162	4	GA	0425	5	KS	0684	6	CA	0049
1	NY	0264	2	MI	0041	2	WI	0164	4	GA	0465	5	KS	0780	6	CA	0095
1	NY	0405	2	MI	0091	2	WI	0165	4	GA	0492	5	LA	0177	6	CA	0383
1	NY	0406	2	MI	0110	2	WI	0168	4	GA	0525	5	LA	0331	6	CA	0493
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1	NY	0446	2	MI	0180	2	WI	0437	4	GA	0576	5	LA	0504	6	CA	0752
1	NY	0490	2	MI	0459	2	WI	0521	4	GA	0596	5	LA	0727	6	CA	1850
1	PA	0009	2	MI	0514	2	WI	0550	4	MS	0652	5	LA	1955	6	CA	2001
1	PA	0034	2	MI	0609	2	WI	0770	4	MS	0676	5	LA	1994	6	GU	0787
1	PA	0063	2	MI	0789	2	WV	0646	4	MS	0677	5	LA	1996	6	GU	1315
1	PA	0107	2	MI	0799	2	WV	0697	4	MS	0680	5	NM	0176	6	GU	2007
1	PA	0170	2	MI	1818	2	WV	0709	4	MS	0771	5	NM	0372	6	HI	0489
1	PA	0190	2	MI	1879	2	WV	0724	4	MS	0801	5	NM	1966	6	HI	0731
1	PA	0197	2	MI	1970	2	WV	0732	4	MS	0803	5	NM	2002	6	NV	0711
1	PA	0390	2	MI	1976	2	WV	0733	4	MS	0806	5	NM	2484	6	NV	0719
1	PA	0455	2	MI	1985	3	AK	0593	4	NC	0634	5	OK	0563	6	NV	0730
1	PA	0519	2	MI	1986	3	AK	0663	4	NC	0637	5	OK	0568	6	UT	0995
1	PA	0654	2	MI	1988	3	AK	0675	4	NC	0638	5	OK	0602			
1	PA	0656	2	MN	0005	3	AK	0830	4	NC	0642	5	OK	0641			
1	PA	0992	2	MN	0008	3	DK	5355	4	NC	0844	5	TX	0393			
1	PA	1777	2	MN	0194	3	ID	0679	4	PR	0660	5	TX	0542			

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List

KEY DATES FOR DEPARTMENTS AND CHAPTERS (List of key dates of Important Mailing and Filing Deadlines)

Fiscal Year, Membership Recruiting and Membership Strength Accounting	1 JULY to 30 JUNE
DEPT & CHAP Contact All Life Members on Partial Payment Plan	Upon Receipt of Roster
Complete Roster of Members as of June 30 Sent to DEPT & CHAP	2nd Week in JULY
Annual Mailing Labels Invoices Sent to DEPT and CHAP on order list	2nd Week in SEPTEMBER
IRS 990 filing due for DEPT and CHAP - 990-N electronic filing for DEPT and CHAP with <=\$25,000 income - 990 EZ or 990 for DEPT and CHAP with >\$25,000 Due 15th day of the 5th month following the end of the organization's taxable year.	15 SEPTEMBER (for Fiscal Year end 30 APRIL)
LM Verification Form* Due (Must be received at Nat'l HQs by date indicated; No Exceptions)	1 OCTOBER
DEPARTMENT nomination of National Aide-de-Camp (limit 1 per Dept)	15 OCTOBER
LM Rebates Sent to DEPT & CHAP (for verified LMs as of 30 June)	2nd Week in NOVEMBER
Complete Roster of Members as of 31 December Sent to DEPT & CHAP	2nd Week in JANUARY
Report Forms CD Sent to DEPT & CHAP - (Election, Finance, Inspector/Trustee, Americanism, Welfare & LM Verification)	2nd Week in MARCH
CHAPTER ELECTIONS* - (Election Reports Due at National Upon Installation of Officers; Not Later than 30 June)	1 APRIL – 30 APRIL
DEPARTMENT Conventions, ELECTIONS - (Election Reports Due at National upon Installation of Officers; Not Later than 15 July)	1 MAY – 30 JUNE
CHAPTER Report forms due (See individual Form for Specific Dates) (Finance*, Trustee, Service & Activity, and Welfare)	1 MAY – 15 JUNE
DEPARTMENT Report forms due (See individual Form for Specific Dates) (Finance*, Inspector, Service & Activity, and Welfare)	31 MAY – 1 JULY

*Chapters and Departments which have NOT Submitted a Current Election Report and Finance Report will NOT qualify for Delegates at National Convention and will NOT be paid LM Dues Rebates!

KEY DATES FOR PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE

Deadline for Articles for PURPLE HEART Magazine
 Distribution of PURPLE HEART Magazine

1st day of even months
 4th week of odd months

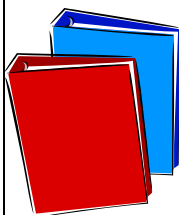
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DEPARTMENTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE REBATE CHECKS

Reg	Dept	Reg	Dept	Reg	Dept	Reg	Dept	Reg	Dept	Reg	Dept
1	CT+	2	IA+	3	AK+	4	AL+	5	AR+	6	AZ+
1	DE+	2	IL+	3	DK	4	FL+	5	CO+	6	GU
1	NY+	2	IN	3	ID	4	GA	5	KS	6	NV
1	PA+	2	KY+	3	OR+	4	MS+	5	LA+	6	UT
1	RI+	2	MI+	3	WA	4	NC	5	NM+		
1	VA+	2	MN+	3	WY+	4	PR+	5	OK+		
		2	MO			4	SC+	5	TX+		
		2	NE+								
		2	OH+								
		2	WI+								
		2	WV								

+ Denotes that the Department has also filed a Life Member Verification Report for its At Large Members.

HANDBOOK FOR DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER SERVICE OFFICERS NOW ON WEBSITE



Department and Chapter Service Officers now can download a comprehensive Handbook on their duties from our website - it's titled Department and Chapter Service Officer Handbook and is under "Service Program Forms" in the Download Forms and Documents section. The Handbook clearly defines the responsibilities of the DSO and CSO, spells out their relationship with the National Service Officer (NSO) and provides details on the many forms applicable to veterans and their benefits. This Handbook has been distributed at various MOPH functions, but now DSOs and CSOs can download their own copy if they missed getting one earlier.

MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED TO LIVING RECIPIENT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE VIETNAM

On September 16, President Obama awarded U. S. Army Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta, Hiawatha, Iowa, the first Medal of Honor to a living recipient since Vietnam. Giunta's award was based on courage and leadership displayed during an ambush of his unit by Taliban fighters in Afghanistan. His bravery was instrumental in the platoon defeating the ambush and recovering a fellow paratrooper from enemy hands.

This was the seventh Medal of Honor award for soldiers involved in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars – the other six were awarded posthumously. By comparison, 246 medals were awarded for valor in Vietnam, 133 for the Korean War, 464 for World War II, 124 for WWI, and 1,522 for the Civil War (but under highly suspect standards).

It was created in 1862 and is one of two military neck order awards issued by the US, but is the sole neck award for the US Armed Forces. The other one is the Commander's degree of the Legion of Merit which is only authorized for issue to foreign dignitaries.

Each service has its own unique design of the medal, except the Marine Corps and Coast Guard who use the Navy's Medal.



Army Navy Air Force

COMPARING WAR COSTS

According to a Congressional Research Service Study, the costs (in inflation-adjusted dollars) of America's wars were as follows:

WWII.....	\$4.1 trillion
Iraq War.....	\$694 billion *
Vietnam War\$868 billion
Korean War.....	\$320 billion
Afghanistan War.....	\$171 billion *
Persian Gulf War\$96 billion

Some of the increased expenses of the recent wars are attributed to the use of an all volunteer force requiring high recruitment and retention costs. Draftees, on the other hand, comprised nearly two-thirds of the Armed Forces during WWII. The Army consisted of 93% draftees at that time.

*Conflicts continuing so final totals will be higher.

"Who ever saw a dirty soldier with a medal?" (Old Army saying c.1925)

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING VETERANS - ONE OF A SERIES

PAWS4VETS



Paws4Vets is a part of Paws4People (501)(c)(3) that provides specially trained Assistance Dogs to veterans, active-duty military and/or active-duty military dependents with physical, neurological, psychiatric and/or emotional disabilities. Working with prison volunteers who actually train the dogs, Paws is offering two types of dogs:

- **Service Dogs for Physical or Neurological Disabilities.** This assistance dog is trained to enable a disabled person to lead a more independent life by performing three or more tasks than the person otherwise could not do, or would have extreme difficulty doing for him/herself.
- **Service Dogs for Psychiatric Complex-Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders.** These dogs also must perform three or more tasks that the person cannot do for himself, but the candidates generally are under medical care for, or have been diagnosed with, a physiological or neurological condition such as PTSD, CPST or TBI.

Currently, the program is limited to Veterans who live in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, eastern Tennessee, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Dogs are provided free of charge, but veterans will have to invest some “sweat equity” in the process of obtaining one.

Paws offers three PTSD Recovery/Intervention Assistance Dog Training Programs, but they are limited to veterans residing within a 100 mile radius of Morgantown or Alderson, WV. As funding increases, *Paws*' training locations will increase.

For more information on *Paws4Vets* and an application form for obtaining a dog, go to www.paws4vets.org.



“The average weight we carried per guy on patrol was between 70 and 120 pounds. The average weight loss out there was about 40 pounds per guy. One guy lost 80 pounds. Another guy lost 100-and-something. Anywhere we'd walk was a 1,000 vertical feet down or 1,000 vertical feet up. Then you've got to go back up or down the same way you just came. That's every single day.”

Sergeant Misha Pemble-Belkin, 173rd Airborne Brigade, US Army, Afghanistan.

INVENTOR OF BAZOOKA (M1 ROCKET LAUNCHER) DIES

A lot of Patriots who served in WWII remember the bazooka, an anti-tank weapon to counter German tanks. General Eisenhower called it one of the crucial tools of victory for the Allies, along with the C-47 transport, the jeep and the atomic bomb. Its co-inventor, then Army Lieutenant Edward Uhl, died at 92 last May. In 1942, Uhl and his partner, Leslie Skinner (retired as an Army Colonel), first created projectiles by attaching grenades to miniature rockets that flew 300 feet per second. But when it came to a viable launching system that wouldn't cook the shooter when the rockets ignited, they were stumped until Uhl, stumbling through an old junkyard, saw a metal tube about five feet long and had a brainstorm. In an interview, Uhl remembers saying: “That's the answer! Put the tube on a soldier's shoulder with the rocket inside and away it goes.” They later added a shoulder stock and hand grip. Over 450,000 bazookas were produced. How did it get its name? An officer overseeing the Aberdeen demonstration in 1942 bestowed upon the launcher its enduring nickname. He remarked that the launcher resembled comedian Bob Burn's tubular musical instrument, called the “Bazooka.” (*The Washington Post*, May 23, 2010)

UPCOMING MOPH EVENTS

COMBAT WOUNDED VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

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WAR BIRDS



This unique aircraft was the Lockheed P-38 LIGHTNING, called the “fork-tailed devil” by the Luftwaffe and “two planes, one pilot” by the Japanese. It was the only fighter aircraft that remained in production throughout the war, from Pearl Harbor to Victory over Japan Day. It was the first fighter to make extensive use of stainless steel and smooth aluminum skin panels and it was the first fighter to fly faster than 400 mph.

Patriots saw the LIGHTNING in both the European and Pacific theatres. But it was in the Pacific that a LIGHTNING became a major star - its pilot shot down Admiral Yamamoto’s transport near Bougainville. Yamamoto was the architect of Japan’s naval strategy in the Pacific, including the attack on Pearl Harbor. His death was a significant blow to the Japanese war effort.

Famous aviator Charles Lindbergh, while providing tech support to a forward unit, climbed into a P-38 and shot down a Japanese ace!

OCTOBER 2010

- 11..... COLUMBUS DAY, HQ CLOSED
- 15..... NFC INVESTMENT CONFERENCE CALL
- 15-16..... REGION II CONFERENCE, CHESTERFIELD MO
- 23..... REGION III CONFERENCE, BOISE ID
- 30..... REGION IV CONFERENCE, TIFTON GA

NOVEMBER 2010

- 4-6..... AMERICAN VETERANS’ CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON DC
- 9..... NFC TELECONFERENCE
- 11..... VETERANS’ DAY, HQ CLOSED
- 16-19..... MOPH SERVICE FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING, ORLANDO FL
- 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 CLOSSES AT NOON



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
- 18-25..... ANNUAL NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING, ORLANDO FL
- 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

APRIL 2011

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

MAY 2011

- (TBA)..... DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS
- 30..... MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED—HQ CLOSED

FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- 2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION, ST PAUL MN.....AUGUST 9-13,2011
- 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION, SCOTTSDALE AZ..... AUGUST 7-11,2012