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Dear Fellow MOPH Members:

In recent days you may have seen a number of emails circulating and blog entries on veteran related websites about an interview by Past National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), Henry Cook, with ABC affiliate WLOX-13 in Southern Mississippi. As you probably know, Mr. Cook has filed a lawsuit against the Order and others in Mississippi.

There are always two sides to every story and I can only ask that you withhold judgment until all the facts are in. We absolutely disagree with Mr. Cook's allegations in the lawsuit, and we also disagree with Mr. Cook's effort to "try" his case in the media. We will not otherwise comment on pending litigation, but rather will let this matter run its course through the court system. Speaking personally, I am a veteran and a Purple Heart recipient myself and I am extremely proud of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Service Foundation and the services we provide to all veterans.

In the event someone from the media should contact you for a comment, please do NOT respond. Instead, please refer any press queries to our Public Relations Director, John Bircher, at 352-753-5535 or by email at publicrelations@purpleheart.org.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance!

Yours in Patriotism –

Clayton Jones
National Commander