



Bert Kurland Chapter 696

- Pledge of Allegiance: Jack Wagner
- Chaplin's Prayer: Dan Bernard
- Roll Call:
 - Commander - J. Wagner - Present
 - Senior Vice Commander - D. Bernard – Present
 - Junior Vice Commander - Deceased
 - Adjutant - B. Dismukes - Present
 - Finance Officer - R. Johnston – Present for the Financial Audit and Report
 - Sargent-At-Arms - J Connor – Present
 - Chapter Executive Committeeman – S. Fantino - Present
 - Chapter Alternate Executive Committeeman – M. Gillenwater – Absent (Medically Excused)
 - Trustee Year 2 - R. Duffney - Present
 - Trustee Year 1 – Pete Palkowski - Present
 - Service Officer - J. Friese - Absent
 - Welfare Officer – Ed Charles - Present
 - Historian - N/A
 - Chaplain - D. Bernard - Present
 - Americanism Officer - R. Duffney - Present
 - VA Representative - Peter Palkowski - Present
- Introduction of Guests and New Members:
 - Isaac Osin – new member
- Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Adjutant read the minutes of January 21, 2020. Motion to accept, Seconded, and approved by all.
- Report of the Finance Officer: **Balance** = \$6,280.67
 - Deposit in BB&T by the Adjutant \$538.00 Viola Collection
 - Checks Issued this AM: Jack Wagner for \$79.90 - Golden Paws Plaque, Check to Adjutant for WEB software renewal \$180.00; Check to Department of Florida for \$52.00 Viola 10%; Check to Department of Florida \$25.00 remaining raffle tickets in the chapters name
- Reading and Actions on Bill's Payable:
 - None
- Reports of Committees:
 - Membership Candidates : N/A
 - Welfare Officer: N/A
 - Americanism Officer:

February 18, 2020 @ 10:00AM



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- Special Committees – Peter Palkowski Motioned to have the Financial Audits done Quarterly-Approved
- Unfinished Business:
 - Adjutant provided a copy of the Convention Booklet ad cost for this year. A motion to have a full page add dedicated to our fallen comrade Bert Kurland. The cost of the ad will be \$100.00. The Adjutant was assigned the responsibility to provide the ad to the Department Adjutant.
 - A discussion on whether the Chapter wanted to sponsor a table at the convention. – voted down
 - Golden Paws will have a formal opening of their new Naples on the 20th of March at 5:30 PM. The Adjutant will respond with the number of attendees.
 - At nine AM today a financial audit of the last six months was conducted by the Commander, Finance Officer, Trustee 1 year, and the Adjutant in attendance. No discrepancies found.
 - Adjutant forwarded to National the death notice of Patriot Bert Kurland as required by the bylaws
 - The Commander thanked those patriots in attendance recently as the Golden Paws organization became a Purple Heart Facility.
- New Business:
 - The Executive board approved a motion by Patriot Duffney to request a designation of Chapter 696 from SW Florida Chapter to “Bert Kurland Chapter 696”. This has been coordinated with the Department Commander as well as the National Adjutant. Once the new Charter is in the hands of the Department, Chris Vedvick plans on coming to SW Florida to present the document.
 - A motion to purchase Viola and Arm Bands used for Collection was approved by the Committee.
 - Adjutant Dismukes, aka Senior Vice Commander Department of Florida, gave a briefing on the upcoming Convention that will be dedicated to those served prior to 9/11. If you are planning on attending get your reservation in soon. When the space in the hotel is sold out that could be costly to the late comer in the Orlando area.
- Chapter Elections were conducted at the end of normal Business
 - Jack Wagner remains as the Commander
 - Dan Bernard remains as the Senior Vice Commander
 - Bill Dismukes assumes the role of Junior Vice Commander and Adjutant
 - Bob Johnston remains as the Finance Officer
 - Jim Connor remains as the Sergeant-At-Arms
 - Peter Palkowski assumes the position of Trustee 2 Year
 - Roger Murray assumes the position of Trustee 1 Year
 - Dan Bernard remains Chaplain
 - Sam Fantino remains Chapter Executive Committeeman
 - Mel Gillenwater remains as Chapter Alternate Committeeman
 - Jerry Frease remains as Service Officer
 - Ed Charles remains as Welfare Officer
 - Isaac Osin has assumed the position of Americanism Officer



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- Good of the Order:
 - Meeting Adjourned: A Motioned by Dan Bernard and 2nd by Sam Fantino at 11:30 was approved by all present.

William F. Dismukes

Bill Dismukes

Adjutant

J. Wagner

Approved by: J. Wagner

MOPH DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA TENTATIVE 2020 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

	Time	Event	Location	Uniform
APRIL 29	8AM - 3PM	Travel		
	3PM	Check In	Holiday Inn Orlando East Front Desk	
	3PM	Registration	Registration Desk	
	6PM	Dinner on your own		
APRIL 30	7AM - 9AM	Breakfast	Hotel Restaurant	
	9AM - 12PM	Registration	Registration Desk	
	9AM - 12PM	MOPH Committee Meetings	Emerald & Garnet Ballrooms	MOPH polo shirt and pants
	9AM - 11AM	MOPHA DEC Meeting	Diamond Ballroom	MOPHA attire
	12PM - 1PM	MOPH Lunch on your own		
	12PM - 2PM	MOPHA Ladies Tea	Diamond Ballroom	Semi formal attire
	1PM - 5PM	MOPH DEC Meeting	Emerald & Garnet Ballrooms	MOPH polo shirt and pants
	2PM - 5PM	MOPHA DEC Meeting	Diamond Ballroom	MOPHA attire
	5PM - 10PM	Hospitality Room Open	Sapphire Ballroom	
6PM	Dinner on your own			
MAY 1	7AM - 9AM	Breakfast	Hotel Restaurant	
	9AM - 10AM	Joint Convention Opening	Emerald & Garnet Ballrooms	MOPH polo shirt and pants / MOPHA Attire
	10AM - 12PM	MOPH Convention	Emerald & Garnet Ballrooms	MOPH polo shirt and pants
	10AM - 12PM	MOPHA Convention	Diamond Ballroom	MOPHA attire
	12PM - 1PM	Lunch on your own		
	1PM - 5PM	MOPH Convention	Emerald & Garnet Ballrooms	MOPH polo shirt and pants
	1PM - 5PM	MOPHA Convention	Diamond Ballroom	MOPHA attire
	5PM - 6PM	Hospitality Room Open	Sapphire Ballroom	
	6PM - 9PM	Commander & President's Welcome Reception	Emerald & Garnet Ballrooms	Dress Casual
	9PM - 10PM	Hospitality Room Open	Sapphire Ballroom	
MAY 2	7AM - 9AM	Breakfast	Hotel Restaurant	
	9AM - 12PM	MOPH Convention	Emerald & Garnet Ballrooms	MOPH polo shirt and pants
	9AM - 12PM	MOPHA Convention	Diamond Ballroom	MOPHA attire
	12PM - 1PM	Lunch on your own		
	1PM - 2PM	Joint Memorial Service	Emerald & Garnet Ballrooms	Coat & Tie Uniform
	2PM - 4PM	MOPH DEC Meeting	Emerald & Garnet Ballrooms	MOPH polo shirt and pants
	2PM - 4PM	MOPHA DEC Meeting	Diamond Ballroom	MOPHA attire
	4PM - 6PM	Hospitality Room Open	Sapphire Ballroom	
	6PM - 9PM	75th Anniversary Diamond Gala	Emerald & Garnet Ballrooms	Black Tie or Coat & Tie
MAY 3	7AM - 9AM	Breakfast	Hotel Restaurant	
	11AM	Check Out	Holiday Inn Orlando East Front Desk	
	11AM - UTC	Travel		



MILITARY ORDER of the PURPLE HEART

REPORT FORM FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

SEND TO: **Military Order of the Purple Heart**
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
5413-B Backlick Road
Springfield, VA 22151-3960

Name of Patriot: **Bert Kurland** Member No.: **L13581**

Address: **13420 Wild Cotton Ct. N. Fort Myers, Fl 33903-5279**

Member of Chapter: **South West Florida** No. **696**
Name of Chapter

Offices held (Chapter, Department, National): **Chapter Junior Vice Commander**

Date of Birth: **November 10, 1926** Date of Death: **January 5, 2020**

Place of Death: **N. Fort Myers Florida**

What members of family survive: **5 children, 8 grandchlidren, 12 great**
grandchildren and 1 adopted daughter from Vietnam

Branch of Service: **Army**

Dates of Service: **WW II, multiple tours in Viet Nam from 1965-1974**

Other Service Information: **Silver Star Receipt, 2 Purple Hearts (1-WWII, 1-VN)**
4 Bronze Stars

William F. Dismukes
Signed

William F. Dismukes Adjutant
Print Name & Title

Date: **8 January 2020**
Attach newspaper or other
obituary notice available.

Bert Kurland

North Fort Myers - Colonel Bert Kurland, age 93, passed away Tuesday February 4, 2020 at his home in North Fort Myers, Florida. He was the loving husband of Wanda Elizabeth Kurland who passed away January 5, 2010.

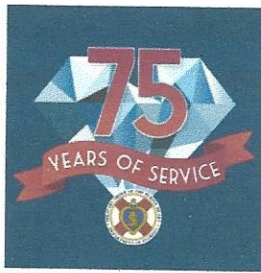
He is survived by his 5 children, 8 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 1 adopted daughter from Vietnam.

His military career began in 1944 during WWII as a member of the 11th Airborne Division as part of the invasion force on the Island of Luzon in the Philippines, where he earned a [Purple Heart](#). He served multiple tours of duty in the [Vietnam War](#) from July 1965 - April 1974. During his deployments in Vietnam he was awarded a Silver Star, 4 [Bronze Stars](#) and a Purple Heart. After retiring from the State Department in 1983 he relocated to Beaufort, North Carolina before moving to North Fort Myers.

The Colonel stayed very active and involved with his family and various military organizations until the day of his passing. He was an active member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Men's Association and Jewish War Veterans in North Fort Myers.

He will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery, date yet to be determined. A local service will be held at the Temple Beth Shalom at 702 SE 24th Ave. Cape Coral, FL 33990 on Sunday Feb. 9th, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. located at 2325 East Mall Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33901. 239-274-0088 www.gendronfuneralhome.com



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
2020 CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING**

<u>AD SIZE</u>	<u>COST</u>
OUTSIDE REAR COVER	\$200.00
INSIDE FRONT COVER	\$175.00
CENTERFOLD	\$300.00
FULL PAGE	\$100.00
HALF PAGE	\$ 75.00
QUARTER PAGE	\$ 50.00
BUSINESS CARD	\$ 25.00
BOOSTER NAME LISTING (Each)	\$ 10.00

All ads must be submitted by March 1, 2020 and be "print ready" or they will be composed by the printer & the Department will not be responsible for the appearance of the ad.

Email your ad to:
Christopher Vedvick
vedvick@moph524.org
904.372.3720

THIS FORM WITH AD PAYMENT MUST BE SENT TO:
Adjutant Bill Smith
694 Glendale Lane Orange Park, FL 32065
Make all checks payable to: MOPH Department of Florida

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Ad Type	Quantity	Price	Total
Outside Rear Cover		200.00	
Inside Front Cover		175.00	
Centerfold		300.00	
Full Page		100.00	
Half Page		75.00	
Quarter Page		50.00	
Business Card		25.00	
Booster Name Listing		10.00	

Grand Total	
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Our Junior Vice Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart in Southwest Florida (Lee, Collier & Hendry Counties) was born on November 10, 1926 and passed away on February 4, 2020.

Bert was combat wounded while serving in the Pacific Theater in WWII in 1945 on a combat jump in the Philippines. Bert also did several tours in Vietnam as a Special Forces Commander.

In his Military Career Bert was awarded the Silver Star, 4 Bronze Stars, 2 Purple Hearts along with several Campaign Ribbons.

Department of Florida WEB Site

**A MESSAGE FROM JACK WAGNER
COMMANDER CHAPTER 696
REELING FROM A GREAT LOSS - Bert Kurland**

As we reel from this great loss of our fellow patriot, hero and friend there are no words that can express the sadness of this great loss. With tears in many of our eyes we must understand that this gift we shared in being a part of Bert's life is now a gift passed on to God, Bert's wife, family and friends who made this journey before him as he is welcomed into Heaven with open arms.

With life not being judged by the amounts of breaths we take, but those moments that take our breath away, Bert you experienced it all and gave to us all a special understanding of love, joy and kindness.

I am sure I can speak for all of us in saying that you were truly loved and respected. And, that your memory will be forever honored. As the Gershwin wrote and recorded many years ago "SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME," you are that special someone watching over us.

GO IN PEACE MY FRIEND!
Jack

