



ALAMO CHAPTER 1836
MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART OF THE U.S.A.
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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Dear Fellow Veterans & Patriots,

This letter provides an explanation of the situation of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) regarding its Veterans Service Officer Program. Until 2019, the program operated a network of more than 70 offices staffed by over 100 trained Service Officers and assistants, accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs. In 2019, the MOPH lost its funding for this program which was approximately \$6 million per year. The MOPH has not been able to secure new funding and its Veteran Service Offices have been closed.

Veterans who used the MOPH Veteran Service Offices to apply for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs must use other Service Officers to apply or transfer their claims. There are no personnel remaining in the MOPH service offices to respond to inquiries.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs publishes a Directory of Veterans Service Organizations at www.va.gov/vso/. The members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart are generally not qualified to advise veterans where or how they should apply for claims, except to provide names of some veterans service officer programs they may contact. National, Texas and local service offices include:

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Texas Veterans Commission
- Veterans Service Office (VSO)/Bexar County

Best Regards,

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