



THE PURPLE HEARTBEAT

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS' NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ADJUTANT'S CALL

Dear Patriots,

2018 Membership Directory Purchases: The Directory is scheduled for delivery in May 2018. The apparel and bags are scheduled for delivery this Winter. If your address has changed since the purchase, please be sure to notify the Membership Department and also contact PCI customer service at **1-800-982-1590** with an update or if you have further questions.

MOPH BYLAWS: The Bylaws are being updated and will be posted to MOPH website by 16 January, 2018. The Supply Department will begin filling pending CBL orders in the first week of February 2018.

Procedures Manual: The Procedures Manual is currently being updated by the Bylaws Committee. An updated version is expected early 2018, and will be posted on the MOPH website for download.

MOPH Nat'I Service Program: Re-structuring & updates, more details on page 4.

Chapters & Departments:

- ◆ All are welcome to provide photos for the Purple Hat Press. Send to: communications@purpleheart.org.
- ◆ Look for **new** report due dates in revised **Key Dates**. See Page 9. New Forms will be available for download no later than 2 February 2018.
- ◆ Please note: The deadline to submit information for Department Conventions is **February 1st** to adjutant@purpleheart.org. See Page 10.
- ◆ JROTC/ROTC Leadership Award **Fees and New Order Process**. See Page 7 for more information.
- ◆ Life membership rebates were distributed by direct deposit between 14 - 22 December 2017 to qualified chapters and departments. If you have any questions, please contact the Membership Department.
- ◆ If your department/chapter has changed bank accounts, please email a copy of a voided check to Joyce Woo in Accounting at joycewoo@purpleheart.org or fax it to her at 703-642-1841.

Yours In Patriotism,

Jack

John P. Leonard III
National Adjutant MOPH

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Membership Statistics - 1/04/2017

Associate Life Members	2,300
Life Members	43,718
Total Active Members	46,018
New Members since 7/1/2017	694
Deceased Members since 7/1/2017	1,467

Region	Total	AS	LM
2	10,561	590	9,971
1	10,308	483	9,825
4	9,887	561	9,326
5	7,388	293	7,095
6	5,275	232	5,043
3	2,462	140	2,322
7	137	1	136

Dept	Total	AS	LM
TX-5	4,035	161	3,874
CA-6	3210	133	3,077
FL-4	2,983	201	2,782
NC-4	2,314	79	2,235
NJ-1	2,197	136	2,061
PA-1	2,151	84	2,067
MI-2	2,017	117	1,900
NY-1	1,845	98	1,747
OH-2	1,807	35	1,772
VA-1	1,437	51	1,386

Chapter	Total	AS	LM
1836-TX-5	798	22	776
0642-NC-4	769	7	762
1919-TX-5	576	28	548
2226-NC-4	490	16	474
0353-VA-1	431	13	418
0455-PA-1	403	7	396
1876-TX-5	384	8	376
0717-FL-4	367	9	358
1513-TX-5	351	17	334
1777-PA-1	335	19	316

2018 Membership Directory

The directory data updates and participation have closed.

For those that made the purchases, the Directory is scheduled for delivery in June 2018. The apparel and bags are scheduled for delivery this Winter.

If your addresses have changed since the purchase, please contact PCI customer service at **1-800-982-1590** or Email: customerservice@publishingconcepts.com.

New Chapter and Department Reports

The new forms will be updated and available for download from the website no later than 2 February 2018.

Please note that the reporting due dates have changed to accommodate the change in holding the National Convention in July to allow for Members to observe **7 AUGUST** at home.

The Key Dates are on Page 7 or available for download on the website under *Members - Forms and Documents* page.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Membership Department at membership@purpleheart.org.

Note: If you are still using memberships.org, please remove and use only the current email, membership@purpleheart.org. We've dropped the second "s".

MOPH JOINS 15 OTHER VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE VETERAN TREATMENT COURT COORDINATION ACT



January 10th, 2018

Representative Charlie Crist
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC. 20515

Representative Jeff Denham
U.S House of Representatives
1730 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC. 201515

Dear Representatives Crist and Denham,

The National Military and Veterans Alliance, a non-partisan group comprised of the undersigned military and veteran service organizations, writes to thank you for introducing H.R. 4345: The Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act. Our member organizations all recognize the important contributions that your legislation will make to the veteran community and we would like to offer our support and assistance in order to advance your bill.

It is our understanding that the VTC Coordination Act will, "establish a point of contact at the Department of Justice to provide federal technical assistance to existing veteran treatment courts and areas trying to start them. Specifically, it tasks the Department of Justice to work with the VA to establish a program to provide grants, training, and technical assistance to help state, local, and tribal governments to develop and maintain veteran treatment courts."

Your legislation will provide a veteran charged with a non-violent crime attributed to their military service the opportunity to receive court-supervised, comprehensive treatment. This will allow veterans to avoid jail time, receive the treatment they need, and have their records expunged upon completing the requirements of a program of treatment facilitated by the VA and supervised by a VTC.

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the National Military and Veterans Alliance. We thank you for your leadership and your support of America's veterans and we look forward to assisting you in your efforts to advance this bill.

Sincerely,

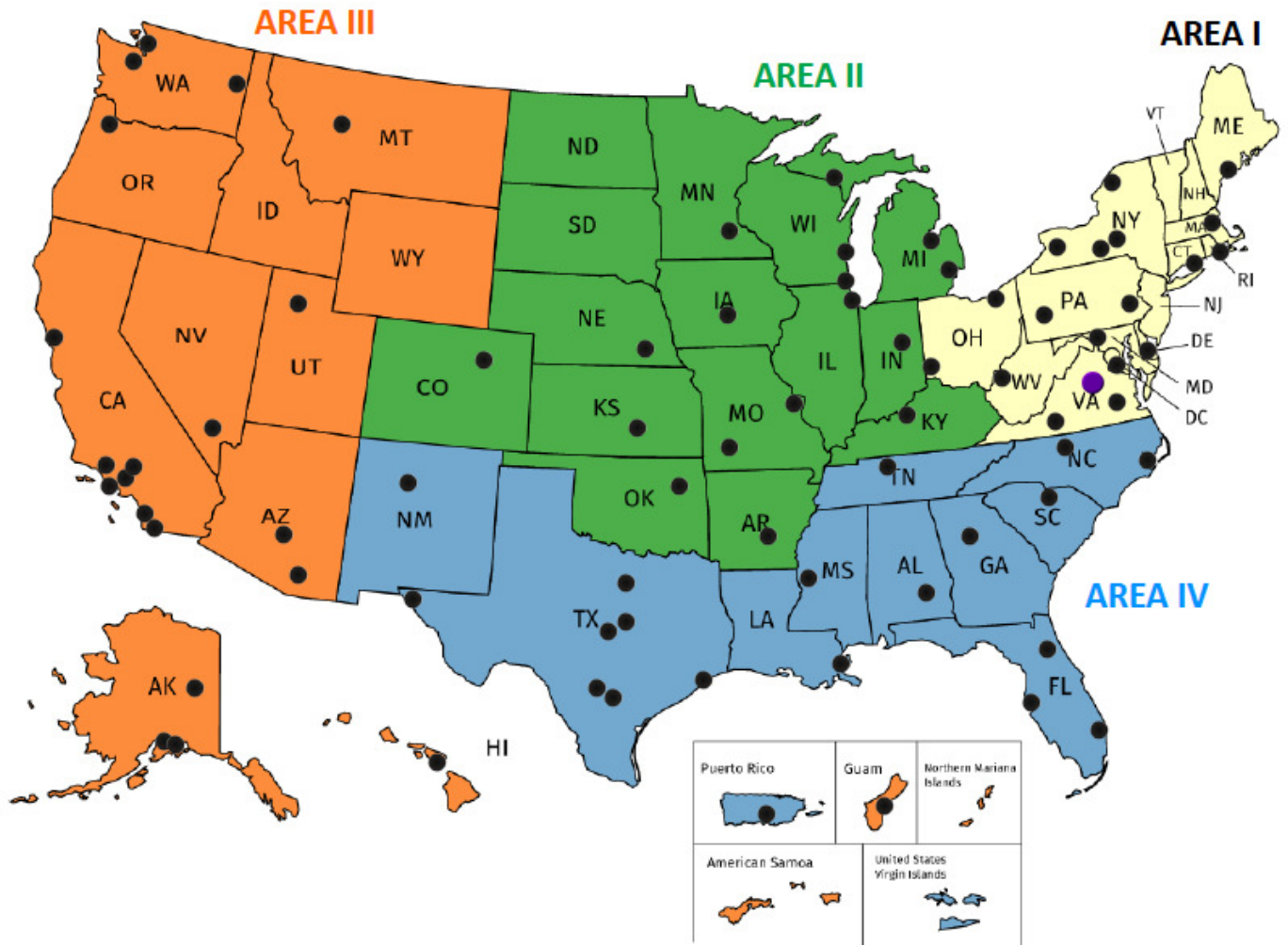
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VSO'S THAT SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION:

- American Logistics Association
- American Military Retirees Association
- American Military Society
- Army and Navy Union of the USA
- American Retiree Association
- AMVETS
- Association of the United States Navy
- Military Order of Foreign Wars
- Military Order of the Purple Heart
- Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors
- The Flag and General Officers Network
- The Independence Fund
- The Retired Enlisted Association
- Society of Military Widows
- Vietnam Veterans of America

MOPH NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM OFFICE LOCATIONS



UPDATED: JANUARY 2018

MOPH HEADQUARTERS

UPDATES TO THE MOPH NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM

National Service Director Angelo Wider has announced several structural and staffing changes to the National Service Program.

Effective January 14th the program's geographic organization will be broken down into four areas (from six regions). Each area will have an Area Manager and seven key states will now have a Senior NSO appointed to help manage affairs in their respective states.

This is one of several initiatives being taken by MOPH leadership to improve efficiency, establish standardization and controls, as well as contain costs. Other actions planned for 2018 include systems upgrades, focused training, increased outreach and updating the NSO Policies and Procedures Manual.

According to NSD Wider, under the new structure, the Area Managers and Senior NSOs will collaborate with MOPH Departments and Chapter Officers to pursue more state funding to support the National Service Program and NSO positions in the state. The kick off of the "NSP Fifty State Review" will result in action plans to pursue grants and other funding by states.

GET TO KNOW THE REGIONAL AREA MANAGERS: AREA MANAGERS ARE A VALUABLE PART OF THE NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM. HIGHLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO REACH OUT TO YOURS! WE PROUDLY INTRODUCE MARK HORRELL (AREA II)



Patriots,

My name is Mark Horrell and I am the Region Two Field Supervisor*. I am located at the Branson VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic. Why a little town such as Branson? It has one of the strongest veteran support groups in a small community that I have ever seen in the U.S compared to the several places I have been. Branson, MO is home of the 2019 MOPH National Convention. It is also home to the Annual Honors of Purple Heart Recipients presented by Branson.Com. This will be the tenth year for the event that takes place every April. The VA clinic wants MOPH here because of the work we do for veterans!

I was born and raised in Jackson, Missouri, otherwise known as the “boot-heel of Missouri.” I began serving veterans as a Veteran Service Officer. I went to work for the Missouri Veterans Commission in March 2005. I thoroughly enjoy the satisfaction and gratitude of being able to assist veterans and their family members. I enjoyed my time with the state of Missouri, however, I wanted to be able to do more for veterans. After seeing what a National Service Officer with Military Order of the Purple Heart can do, I was eager to learn how to better serve our veterans and I got the opportunity to come work for MOPH. In February of 2008, MOPH opened a position for a NSO in Mt Vernon, MO, at the VA outpatient clinic where I learned how to assist veterans from the beginning of their claim to the end.

I was appointed Region Two Field Supervisor in March 2017. It was a scary thought to think “I’m taking over a Region with 11 states in the upper Midwest.” My colleagues (NSOs) have made the transition easy. I feel my NSOs are the best there is. Their commitment and dedication to helping veterans and their families are second to none. I am blessed and honored to be able to work with such a dedicated group of people that I know do everything they can to help veterans and their families. I am so proud to be a part of this.

I am a retired United States Marine. I spent 15 years in 1st Marine Division as an infantryman and platoon sergeant. I am married to my beautiful wife Trish. Between the two of us, we have 6 children and 7 grandchildren. Our son is currently serving in the Marine Corps with Raiders - 14 years in. Another son is a former Marine. My father in law is a retired Vietnam Navy veteran. When I am not at work, I am fishing with my fishing partner “my wife.” We live on Table Rock Lake. This is our solitude.

It is an honor and a privilege to be able to meet and work with the patriots of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. I am so grateful to be a part of a great organization such as MOPH and continue to work hard to keep the reputation that we have of “getting it done right!”

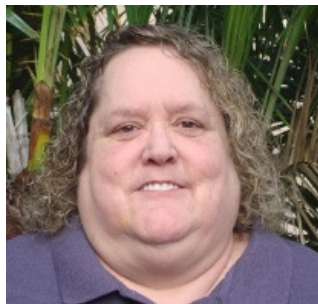


Yours in Patriotism,

Mark Horrell

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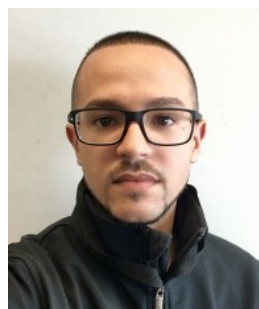
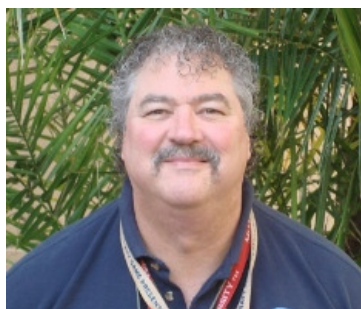
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JROTC/ROTC PROGRAM COSTS WILL FALL ON DEPARTMENTS AND CHAPTERS

Over the years, our MOPH JROTC/ROTC Leadership Recognition Program has expanded to several thousand High Schools, Colleges and Universities, thereby recognizing outstanding Cadets at various levels.



MOPH financial support from the Purple Heart Foundation is annually restricted to \$20,000. However, MOPH overall costs for the Awards Package, administration and mailing now far exceed that grant amount.

MOPH overall costs exceed that grant amount. To date, in preparation for the SPRING 2018 ROTC demands, MOPH costs/outlays include: Medals = \$16,300, Certificates/w/Foil = \$4,800, ROTC Presentation Folders = \$5,200, USPS Est.=\$9,100 and P/T Admin = \$15,000. TOTAL = \$50,000.

Chapters and Departments are now advised that they will need to provide direct support for the cost of the Award Package (Medal, Ribbon, Presentation Case, Certificate and Folder). This year's (2017-2018) costs getting the award package assembled, prepared and mailed to the identified recipients approaches some \$15.00/award package.

In 2018, the MOPH JROTC/ROTC Cadet Award Package cost of \$15.00/award will need to be assumed and absorbed by the Chapters and/or Departments.

Additionally, MOPH will be charging a \$25.00 fee to the individual that requests a replacement Award Package, due to it being lost, misplaced or damaged after the initial award has been presented to the individual.

MOPH LOGO PROTECTION

Following the key decisions made by the NEC during the Norfolk Convention (AUG 2016) and the subsequent MOPH/PH Foundation Agreement signed 2 SEPT 2016, the Purple Heart Foundation created an LLC (Limited Liability Corporation) named MOPHSF Holdings, LLC, to gather and protect the various "marks" of the MOPH, the Auxiliary, existing licensing agreements (PH Store, DoT Interstate PH Trail signage, PH Memorials, etc., etc.).



Commencing January, 2018, MOPH Commanders (Regions, Departments and Chapters and the President, MOPH Auxiliary) are requested to submit all manner of Official Letterhead/paper products portraying, using and/or depicting the "marks" to include the words "Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA, Inc." (and/or variations of same), MOPH LOGO, the words Purple Heart, etc., etc, as used at any level of this organization. In addition, MOPH Commanders need to submit all manner of local use/depiction of the MOPH LOGO and/or PH Medal as might be used in PH Schools, sport teams, fund-raising events, t-shirt sales, auctions and raffles. THE INTENT OF THE LLC, and this request, IS TO "BUILD A LEGAL WALL OF PROTECTION" for the Order and its "MARKS," to limit their use to legitimate purposes and to further capitalize on its commercial "value" in any commercial licensing agreements (past, present and future).

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

MISSING DOCUMENTATION DELAYS NEW MEMBER PROCESSING

Recruitment of new members is a top priority and MOPH depends upon Chapters to continue to enlist new people. As you know, the successful future of MOPH is dependent upon the continual recruitment of new members.

In order to maintain the flow of new members into the Order, it is vital that proper documentation accompany every application for membership to preserve the integrity of the Order. When proof of the Purple Heart Medal award and/or Honorable service is not submitted with the application, an extensive delay is set into motion. Membership then needs to call, email or mail the applicant and/or the recruiter for the requested documentation, and the application is placed in the "pending" file.

Another factor that takes extra time is the chapter assignment. It's extremely helpful to have the applicant list the chapter where he/she would like to be assigned.

Following is a guide that can be used to ensure that complete documentation is submitted with each application.

Veteran Applicant

DD214 Member-4 or Service-2 with Purple Heart Award AND Honorable or General discharge.

If necessary, DD215 (if Purple Heart Award, Honorable or General discharge is not on DD214).

Recommend: Purple Heart Award Orders Plus Purple Heart Certificate

- ◆ **Active Duty Applicant**, provide **PCS Orders**, Purple Heart Award Orders plus Purple Heart Certificate
- ◆ Make sure all documents are UNALTERED, COMPLETE and LEGIBLE
- ◆ \$50.00 non-refundable membership fee (check or CC#).

Please let applicants know that they can apply online, email their evidence to membership@purpleheart.org, fax to (703) 642-1841 or snail mail to Hqs.

Associate membership is available to a parent, spouse, sibling, lineal or adopted descendant (child, grandchild or great-grandchild) of either a living or deceased PH recipient. For efficient and timely processing, please note the following requirements:

- ◆ If the PH recipient is living, he/she must be a member in-good-standing and must sign the application to acknowledge the relationship and validate consent. The Applicant must also complete and sign the application.
- ◆ Evidence of the award of the Purple Heart must be submitted with the application.
- ◆ Evidence of the relationship must be submitted (marriage certificate, birth certificate(s) and, if the child's last name has changed, a copy of the legal document substantiating the name change).
- ◆ \$50.00 non-refundable membership fee.
- ◆ *The Membership Department sincerely appreciates all of your efforts to assist the smooth processing of new applications, and is always happy and available to help.*

WHY THIS CHANGE TO REPORTING DATES?

National Convention Dates have moved forward into JULY to allow for Members to observe 7 AUGUST at home stations.

**KEY DATES FOR DEPARTMENTS, CHAPTERS and
NATIONAL OFFICERS FROM 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2018**
(List of key dates of Important Mailing and Filing Deadlines)

Complete Roster is available to download from website. Hard copies mailed upon request from Commanders or Adjutants.	
Fiscal Year, Membership Recruiting and Membership Strength Accounting	1 JULY 2017 to 30 JUNE 2018
Annual Mailing Labels Invoices Sent to DEPT and CHAP on order list	2nd Week in SEPTEMBER 2017
IRS 990 Form filing due for DEPT and CHAP - 990-N electronic filing for DEPT and CHAP <\$50,000 Gross Receipts - 990 EZ or 990 for DEPT and CHAP not qualified to file 990-N Due 15th day of 5th month following the end of organization's taxable year.	Example: 15 NOVEMBER 2017 (for Fiscal Year ended 30 JUNE 2017. Can file as soon as 1 JULY 2017). Submit IRS receipt accepting the 990 filing with the Finance Report.
LM Verification Form* Due (Must be received at Nat'l HQs or postmarked by date indicated; No Exceptions)	2 OCTOBER 2017
LM Rebates Sent to DEPT & CHAP (for verified LMs as of 30 June 2017)	NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017
Report Forms Update on Website - (Election, Finance, Americanism, VAVS, Welfare & LM Verification)	1 st Week in February 2018
CHAPTER ELECTIONS* to be held in March each year and Reports Due at National Upon Installation of Officers; Must be received or postmarked no later than 30 April 2018	1 MARCH 2018 – 31 MARCH 2018
DEPARTMENT Conventions, ELECTIONS* - (Election Reports Due at National upon Installation of Officers; Must be received or postmarked no later than 1 June 2018)	1 MAY 2018 - 31 MAY 2018
CHAPTER Report Forms due (Finance* with 990, Property List - if required, Americanism, and Welfare).	15 MAY 2018
DEPARTMENT Inspection Report to National Inspector. See sample format in Finance and Inspection Guide on the website.	31 MAY 2018
DEPARTMENT Report Forms due (Finance* with 990, Property List - if required, Americanism, VAVS and Welfare)	6 JUNE 2018

*Chapters and Departments which have NOT **timely** Submitted a Current validated Election Report will NOT qualify for Delegates at the National Convention, and in addition, non-filing of current validated Finance Report (includes the IRS 990 Form **Accepted** Filing Receipt and Property List, if required) and Life Member Verification will NOT be paid LM Dues Rebates!

KEY DATES FOR PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE

Deadline for Articles for PURPLE HEART Magazine	1st day of even months
Distribution of PURPLE HEART Magazine	4th week of odd months

KEY DATES FOR 2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORTS

Deadline for DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORTS	15 JUNE 2018
Deadline for NATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORTS	15 JUNE 2018

Nominations for Patriot of the Year

- 1) Chapter Commanders - Please complete and email/mail to your Department Commander **NLT March 1, 2018**
- 2) Department Commanders - Please complete and email / mail to your Region Commander **NLT April 1, 2018**
- 3) Region Commanders: - Please complete and email/mail to the National Adjutant **NLT May 1, 2018**

Click to download the instructions and form:

<http://www.purpleheart.org/Downloads/Bank/BlankChapterAndDepartment/PatriotOfTheYear.pdf>

National Convention 2021

Departments wishing to submit bids to host the 2021 National Convention - please note:

- 1) Dates: Monday July 26th—Friday July 30th 2021.
- 2) Deadline for receipt of Bids at MOPH HQ: May 31st, 2018.

Click to download the instructions and form:

<http://www.purpleheart.org/Downloads/Bank/Headquarters/BIDDINGPROCESSFORNATIONALCONVENTIONSITE.pdf>

National Convention 2018

Spokane, Washington

July 30 - August 3, 2018

Please SUPPORT the Department of Washington by placing an advertisement in their Convention Souvenir Book and / or sponsor a portion of the Golf Tourney.

[Convention Souvenir Book Form](#)

[Golf Tourney Sponsorship Form](#)

[Preliminary Schedule](#)

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION NOTIFICATION

It's that time of year again to submit the dates and location of your Department Convention so we can schedule attendance of National and Region Commanders. Until we have all your data, we cannot complete the schedule. Please do not assume attendance of any National or Region Officer until notification by the National Adjutant. Please do not call in information as it must be in writing – [email, fax, or mail](#).

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National Adjutant

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DEADLINE: WE MUST HAVE YOUR INPUT NO LATER THAN CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON **FEBRUARY 1ST, 2018 TO COMPLETE PLANNING FOR NATIONAL OFFICER VISITS TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS - WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.**



**Preliminary Schedules for
Military Order of the Purple Heart 86th National Convention
Spokane, Washington
July 30 – August 3, 2018
Begins with Region 3**

**SUNDAY, JULY 29 - TRAVEL DAY IN**

12:00 – 5:00 Early registration

MONDAY, JULY 30

8:30 - 5:00 Registration
 9:00 - 11:30 National Finance Committee
 11:30 - 1:00 **New Attendee Luncheon**
 1:30 - 3:00 National Executive Committee
 4:00 - 5:00 **Joint MOPH/MOPH-A Opening**

TUESDAY, JULY 31

7:00 - 8:30 **NC Breakfast (Department Commanders)**
 8:30 - 11:30 Convention Business Session
 12:00 - 1:30 **PNC/PNP Luncheon**
 1:30 - 5:30 Convention Business Session & Workshops
 5:30 Legislative Committee
 6:00 National Publications Committee
 7:00 Bylaws Committee

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

6:30 - 8:00 **Time and Place Committee**
 8:30 - 11:30 Convention Business Session
 1:00 - Local Event / Free Time

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 - 12:00 Convention Business Session
 1:00 - 3:00 Regional Caucuses
 4:00 - 5:00 **Memorial Service**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30 - 11:00 Convention Business Session
 11:00 - 12:30 National Executive Committee
 1:30 - 3:30 National Finance Committee
6:00 Reception
7:00 Banquet (Suit/Tie/Black Tie)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 - TRAVEL DAY OUT

10:30 - 12:30 National Commander's Meeting
 1:30 - 3:30 Region Commander Meetings with Department Commanders.

Hospitality Suite:**Mornings:**

Monday July 30- Friday August 3
 6.30 AM – 8:15 AM

Evenings:

Monday July 30, Tuesday July 31 & Thursday August 2
 7:00 PM

Religious Observances:

Monday July 30 - Thursday August 2
 6:30 AM

Vendors & Exhibitors:

Monday July 30 – Friday August 3
 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

National Office - Open:

Monday July 30 – Friday August 3
 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Photo from the Service Foundation & MOPH Christmas Luncheon, December 2017



Left to Right:

Adale Tourtellot (Service Program), Frank Van Hoy (past NSD), Bill Wroolie (Foundation) Angelo Wider (National Service Director), Steve Ruckman (Foundation), Vicki Sumner (Membership), Tony Pemberton (Operations) & Mike Viviano (Accounting)

Happy New Year
2018



MOPH CALENDAR 2018

JANUARY 2018

- 01.....NEW YEAR’S DAY—HQs CLOSED
- 15.....MLK DAY—HQs CLOSED
- 16.....INVESTMENT CONFERENCE CALL (2ND QUARTER)
- 26.....MOPH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

FEBRUARY 2018

- 01.....MAGAZINE DEADLINE: ARTICLES—MARCH/APRIL
- 19.....PRESIDENT’S DAY —HQs CLOSED
- 22.....GEORGE WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY

MARCH 2018

- 5 -7.....ANNUAL SERVICE PROGRAM TRAINING
- TBA.....NATIONAL COMMANDERS PRESENTATION TO JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, WASHINGTON D.C.
- TBA.....NATIONAL COMMANDERS SPRING MINI-LEADERSHIP MEETING

FUTURE CONVENTIONS

- 2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION, SPOKANE, WA.....JULY 30—AUGUST 3
- 2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION, BRANSON, MO.....JULY 15—JULY 19
- 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION, CHARLESTON, WVJULY 27—JULY 31

KEY DATES FOR PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE

- DEADLINE FOR ARTICLESFIRST DAY OF FEB, APR, JUN, AUG, OCT, DEC
- DISTRIBUTION OF PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE.....JAN/FEB, MARCH/APRIL, MAY/JUN, JUL/AUG, SEPT/OCT, NOV/DEC