

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. Apparel and bags are scheduled for delivery this Winter. If your address has changed since your 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.

Legislative Updates: National Commander's letter on *H.R.* 1928, the Families of Fallen Servicemembers First Act.

Procedures Manual: The current "Procedures Manual" document is undergoing a review process by the Bylaws Committee. The document will become the new Section IV of the Constitution & Bylaws Binder, and will be known as the "How-to-Manual." This update is expected to be rolled out to the membership in the next 2-3 months.

MOPH BYLAWS are available online for downloading and for purchase from Supply Department.

Chapters & Departments:

- Look for new Chapter & Department Convention planning guidelines and report dates
- The MOPH annual reports have been updated and are now available to download from the website.
- The "first" report due at HQs is the Election Report. Chapter elections are due as soon as the officers are installed, but NLT 30 April 2018. Department elections are due NLT 1 June 2018.
- Please note: The deadline to submit information for Department Conventions was February 1st. Current information on page 4.

Yours In Patriotism,



Jack Leonard

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Membership Statistics - 2/1/2018

Associate Life Members	2,322
Life Members	43,774
Total Active Members	46,096
New Members since 7/1/2017	824
Deceased Members since 7/1/2017	1,521

Region	Total	AS	LM
2	10,572	594	9,978
1	10,316	488	9,828
4	9,910	564	9,346
5	7,403	296	7,107
6	5,291	238	5,053
3	2,466	141	2,325
7	138	1	137

Dept	Total	AS	LM
TX-5	4,048	163	3,885
CA-6	3,215	134	3,081
FL-4	2,988	204	2,784
NC-4	2,319	79	2,240
NJ-1	2,199	137	2,062
PA-1	2,148	84	2,064
MI-2	2,018	117	1,901
NY-1	1,847	99	1,748
OH-2	1,808	35	1,773
VA-1	1,440	52	1,388

Chapter	Total	AS	LM
1836-TX-5	802	22	780
0642-NC-4	770	7	763
1919-TX-5	576	28	548
2226-NC-4	494	16	478
0353-VA-1	431	13	418
0455-PA-1	403	7	396
1876-TX-5	385	8	377
0717-FL-4	364	9	355
1513-TX-5	353	17	336
1777-PA-1	335	19	316

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS



Chapter and Department Annual Reporting Forms

The MOPH annual reports have been updated and are now available to download from the website. You do not have to login to access the forms.

From www.purpleheart.org website: *hold* the cursor on "Members," *click* "Download Forms & Documents" from the drop-down menu. The forms are under "Blank Chapter and Department Forms." From the new website, www.mophhq.org, click "Members" and they are under "Blank Chapter and Department Forms."

The completed Election and Finance (when applicable Property List and 990 receipt) reports can be mailed to Headquarters, faxed to (703) 642-1841 or emailed to membership@purpleheart.org. Americanism, VAVS (Department Only), and Welfare reports are to be submitted directly to the National Officers indicated on the reports.

Chapters: Don't forget to submit copies of all reports to your Departments.

Please note the "earlier" reporting dates on the form **Key Dates** (see Page 5). These changes have been implemented to support the National Convention in July so all of our members can observe **August 7** at home.

Report Tracker

When reports are received at Hqs, reviewed and accepted as valid, the appropriate box will be checked. Please use the Report Tracker.

Departments: Please monitor compliance by using the online tracker and provide timely assistance to your chapters when necessary.



UPDATE ROTC / JROTC PROGRAM - SPRING 2018

- MOPH is now charging \$15.00 for each ROTC/JROTC Award Package.
- Additionally, MOPH will be charging a \$25.00 fee for replacing a complete Award Package due to it being lost, misplaced or damaged after being presented to the recipient.
- Individual award elements (medal \$15), (certificate \$10), and (folder \$5) can also be replaced.
- All replacement requests must be received from a Chapter representative or the appropriate ROTC / JROTC Instructor.

We are pleased to report that Chapters and Departments have been reaching out to Stewart McKeown, ROTC Coordinator, to place their orders along with payment for the same.

Similarly, schools <u>without</u> an MOPH point of contact continue to reach out to MOPH Headquarters directly or go online to order the award. When fulfilling these orders, the schools are provided with contact information for a local MOPH representative, however, they are not always successful in arranging for a MOPH presenter.

We would like to clarify, that the ONLY change to the ROTC / JROTC order process is that there is now a per award charge of \$15.00.

It is up to individual Departments and Chapters to determine whether they will pay for the awards and then contact their local ROTC/JROTC programs to work out presentation details.

Chapters and Departments should continue to send their list(s) of schools to Headquarters by email (rotc@purpleheart.org) or mail accompanied by a check to cover the cost of the award(s) ordered. Awards are shipped upon receipt of payment to arrive about two weeks prior to the ceremony date.

Individual schools not having a local Chapter or Department Point of Contact to pay for their award, need to send in a check to MOPH Headquarters and order online at: http://www.purpleheart.org/ROTC/OrderForm.aspx.

Mail in your payment to: Attn: ROTC / JROTC

MOPH Headquarters 5413-B Backlick Road Springfield, VA 22151

For any clarifications, please contact:

Stewart McKeown ROTC Coordinator

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DEPARTMENT CONVENTION NOTIFICATION

Thank you to Region Commanders and Departments for sending in convention information. Please review the list below and send any updates /corrections to Jack Leonard, National Adjutant. Do not assume attendance of any National or Region Officer until official notification by the National Adjutant. Do not call in Department Convention information; this must be provided in writing by <a href="mailto:emailt

Email: Adjutant@purpleheart.org Mail: Jack Leonard

Fax: Jack Leonard, National Adjutant National Adjutant

MOPH Headquarters

Fax No: 703-642-1841

Springfield, VA 22151

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION LISTING 2018

No	Region	Dept	Begin	End
1	1	VA	5-May	5-May
2	1	MD	22-May	24-May
3	1	DE	?	?
4	1	NJ	?	?
5	1	NY	?	?
6	1	PA	?	?
7	1	CT	?	?
8	1	MA	?	?
9	1	NNE		
10	2	ОН	2-May	4-May
11	2	IA	5-May	5-May
12	2	KY	18-May	19-May
13	2	MI	18-May	19-May
14	2	MN	18-May	19-May
15	2	WI	18-May	19-May
16	2	МО	19-May	19-May
17	2	IN	?	?
18	2	IL	?	?
19	2	NE	?	?
20	2	WV	?	?
21	3	WY	5-May	5-May
22	3	AK	12-May	12-May
23	3	DK	19-May	19-May
24	3	MT	19-May	19-May

No	Region	Dept	Begin	End
25	3	WA	19-May	19-May
26	3	OR	2-Jun	2-Jun
27	3	ID	?	?
28	4	GA	27-Apr	29-Apr
29	4	NC	1-May	4-May
30	4	SC	18-May	19-May
31	4	MS	?	?
32	4	TN	٠:	?
33	4	AL	?	?
34	4	FL	?	?
35	4	PR	٠:	?
36	5	OK	27-Apr	28-Apr
37	5	AR	28-Apr	28-Apr
38	5	NM	28-Apr	28-Apr
39	5	СО	5-May	5-May
40	5	KS	5-May	5-May
41	5	TX	17-May	18-May
42	5	LA	19-May	19-May
43	6	CA	14-May	17-May
44	6	AZ	2-Jun	2-Jun
45	6	NV	?	?
46	6	HI	?	?
47	6	GU	?	?
48	6	UT	?	?

Dated: 01-31-2018

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 <u>Finance and Inspection Guide</u> 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 <u>will NOT qualify for Delegates</u> 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 <u>will NOT be paid LM Dues Rebates!</u>

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



MOPH National Commander sends letter endorsing a bill that would ensure families of the fallen never again have their benefits delayed due to a government shutdown.



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

CHARTERED BY CONGRESS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 5413-B BACKLICK ROAD SPRINGFIELD, VA 22151-3960 Phone: (703) 642-5360 Fax: (703) 642-2054

January 25, 2018

The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly 2238 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Connolly:

On behalf of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), whose membership is comprised entirely of combat wounded veterans, I am pleased to offer our support for H.R. 1928, the *Families of Fallen Servicemembers First Act*, which would ensure that military surviving families do not experience any delays in receiving death gratuities and related benefits in the event of a government shutdown.

When a servicemember dies on active duty, his or her family is entitled to a tax free payment of \$100,000, known as the death gratuity. Bereaved military families rely on this money to meet any financial hardships they may incur, immediately following the loss of their loved one. Like you, MOPH strongly believes that no family entitled to this relatively modest benefit should ever have to experience a delay in payment, simply because Congress temporarily fails to perform its primary duty of funding the U.S. Government.

When servicemembers put on the uniform each day, whether in combat or in peacetime, they take comfort in the fact that their families' basic needs will be met, should something happen to them. Under no circumstances should political gridlock ever put those families in financial jeopardy. Your legislation would prevent this from ever happening again, ensuring that this sacred promise to those who serve our nation is kept.

MOPH thanks you for your leadership on this issue, and your commitment to servicemembers, veterans and their families. We look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of this important legislation.

Respectfully,

National Commander

GET TO KNOW THE REGIONAL AREA MANAGERS:

AREA MANAGERS ARE A VALUABLE PART OF THE NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM. WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO REACH OUT TO YOURS AND **PROUDLY INTRODUCE PAT BYERS (AREA III)**



Patriots,

My name is Pat Byers and I am a US Army veteran. I joined the Military Order of the Purple Heart National Service Program in 2007. I realized the need to assist veterans is very real due to the idiosyncrasies within the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the many challenges veterans encounter trying to support their disabilities and injuries due to their service to our country.

In providing assistance and services to our veterans, the single most critical tool available to me are the National Service Officers and Administrative Assistants of Area III. They are the true face of the Region and perform the meaningful and sometimes ugly tasks required to sort through the challenges of the VA for the veterans they represent. Each of them uniquely enjoys working with veterans; whether it is listening to their stories, obtaining a benefit that has been continuously denied, understanding VA regulations, writing legal arguments, and representing their veterans before a Decision Review Officer or a Veterans Law Judge. Some of them are assigned additional responsibilities in conjunction with their everyday responsibilities and have performed flawlessly.

All of this consumes a tremendous amount of time and energy and each of them are willing to take the challenge as they move in bettering themselves to ensure that the veteran is represented professionally and correctly. As the VA made a major turn in March 2014 and continues to revise their system, this will increase the challenges presented to them. I am optimistic that they will meet these challenges as they have in the past, if for no other reason and that is, so that the veteran is taken care of.

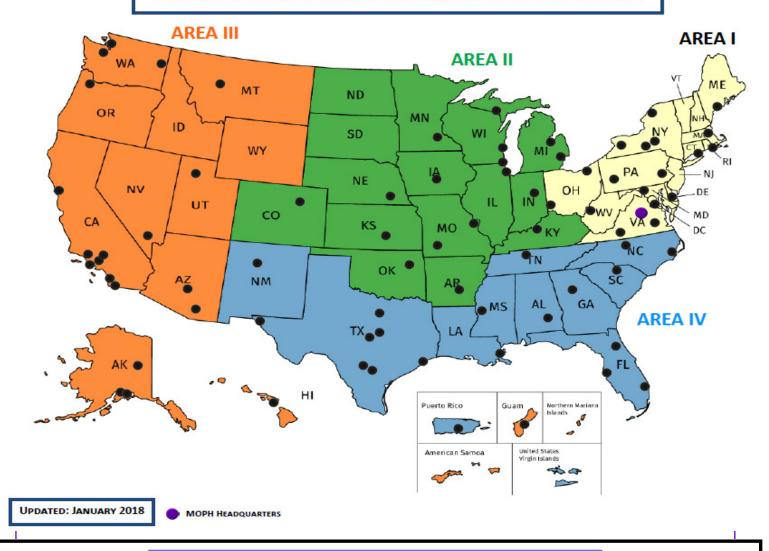
I am proud of each of them and honored to have them in my charge.

Yours In Patriotism,

Pat Byers



MOPH NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM OFFICE LOCATIONS



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 <u>four areas</u> (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. (Questions please email: servicedirector@purpleheart.org)

MEET THE AREA III NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS: DOWNLOAD FULL SERVICE DIRECTORY



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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 - '	TRAV	EL DAY	IN
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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

NC Breakfast (Department
Commanders)
Convention Business Session
PNC/PNP Luncheon
Convention Business Session &
Workshops
Legislative Committee
National Publications Committee
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

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

6:00	Reception
1:30 - 3:30	National Finance Committee
11:00 - 12:30	National Executive Committee
8:30 - 11:00	Convention Business Session

7:00 Banquet (Suit/Tie/Black Tie)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 - TRAVEL DAY OUT

5, 11 6 11 5, 11, 71	
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



DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON

Commemorative Collection Offer







2 piece - Commemorative Coin & Lapel Pin Set = \$18.00









3 piece - Commemorative Coin, Lapel Pin Set & Purple Heart Fishing Fly = \$23.00

2 piece set (number of):	3 piece set (number of):		
Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:Zip Code		
ontact Phone Number: Email Address:			
Check #	Check Total: \$		

For Information Contact:

Gary Yeager

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MOPH Department of Washington SEND TO: MOPH, 13102 South Spotted Road, Cheney, WA 99004-9031



Military Order of the Purple Heart 86th National Convention MOPH Auxiliary 85th National Convention July 30 – August 3, 2018



Red Lion Hotel at the Park, Spokane

The MOPH Department of Washington is seeking your support by advertising in our Convention Souvenir Book

DO NOT MISS THE CHANCE TO GET YOUR MESSAGE OUT

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DEADLINE MAY 1, 2018

Ad Size & Rates

Premium Spots (all full page)

Business Card (3.5" x 2")	\$25.00	Rear Cover, Inside (8.5" x 11")	\$325
Quarter Page (4.25" x 5.5")	\$100.00	Front Cover, Inside (8.5" x 11")	\$325
Half Page (8.5" x 5.5")	\$125.00	Rear Cover, Outside (8.5" x 11")	\$400
Full Page (8.5" x 11")	\$225.00		

Please Send Print Ready Format • Color or Black & White PDF

Company Name:		
Contact Person:		
Mailing Address:		
Contact Phone Number:		
Email Address:		
Make checks payable to: MOPH Department of Washington Send to: MOPH, 13102 S. Spotted Road, Cheney, WA 99004		



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Golf Tournament Team Entry Form

Indian Canyon Golf Course, Spokane, WA Wednesday, August 1, 2018



Prizes:

First Hole in One on #8:
- One week golfing Trip for two to Scotland

- 4 rounds of Golf included (approximate value \$11,000)

Second Hole in One prize on #13: – Prize to be determined later Other Prizes include Longest Drive, Closest to Pin and others

> Fee: \$125 Single Player \$500 Per Team of Four (4) NOTE: Limited Number of Teams Available

Please Select One: S	ingle Player / Company / Team Name:
Golf Team Members:	1
	2
	3
	4
	als are available at \$30.00 per set. Please indicate number of sets needed & amount:
Company Name:	
Contact Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Contact Phone Numb	er: Email Address:
	Check # Check Total: \$

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Annual Military Order of the Purple Heart



Golf Tournament





August 1, 2018 • Indian Canyon Golf Course • Spokane, WA Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum Level: \$10,000 1 – Team of four (4) golfers. 2 – Logo on Sponsor Banner with Level Recognition at Tournament & Banquet. 3 – Hole Sponsorship with Signage. 4 – Full Page Advertisement in Convention Souvenir Book. 5 – Logo on Department Convention Website & Social Media. 6 – Table for eight (8) at Banquet.	Gold Level: \$5,000 1 – Team of four (4) golfers. 2 – Logo on Sponsor Banner with Level Recognition at Tournament. 3 – Hole Sponsorship with Signage. 4 – Half Page Advertisement in Convention Souvenir Book. 5 – Logo on Department Convention Website & Social Media. 6 – Table seating for four (4) at Banquet.
Silver Level: \$2,500 1 – Team of four (4) golfers. 2 – Logo on Sponsor Banner with Level Recognition at Tournament. 3 – Hole Sponsorship with Signage. 4 – Quarter Page Advertisement in Convention Souvenir Book. 5 – Logo on Department Convention Website & Social Media.	Bronze Level: \$700 1 – Team of four (4) golfers. 2 – Hole Sponsorship & Department Website & Social Media recognition.
Golf Cart Sponsor: \$600 (Signage on Each Cart) Active Duty Team (PH recipients) & Hole Sponsor: \$500 Beverage Cart: \$450 (Name/Logo on Cart) (2)	Practice Sponsor (Putting Green Signage): \$250 Contest Sponsor: (Longest Drive, etc.): \$150 (7 Available) Hole Sponsor: \$125 (with Signage)

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2018 NATIONAL

PURPLE HEART DAY

CEREMONY

AT

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S

MOUNT VERNON





Once again, Mount Vernon, in conjunction with the Greater Washington DC Chapter 353, the MOPH Department of Virginia and MOPH Headquarters, will host their annual National Purple Heart Day ceremony on <u>Friday August 10th</u>, 2018.

ALL Purple Heart recipients & their guests will be allowed free entry on the day of the ceremony.

This year's event is anticipated to have many honored guests, following an afternoon reception at the Mount Vernon Inn for Purple Heart recipients and their guests.

Additionally, there will also be a private mansion tour (limited to 50 people).

More details will be released in a timely manner, such as information about local hotels and Mount Vernon.

Plan NOW for this great event, with your fellow Patriots.

For more information contact:
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Commander - Chapter 353 Commander
Email: gordon.sumner53@gmail.com

Congratulations to MOPH National Judge Advocate Patriot Maureen Wood, who was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel

The Ceremony took place at Andrews Air Force Base, MD, on February 2nd, 2018, and was attended by National Service Director Angelo Wider. Please join us in celebrating Patriot Wood's promotion and accomplishments.

MOPH CALENDAR 2018

FEBRUARY 2018

01MAGAZINE DEADLINE: ARTICLES - MARCH/APRIL

19President's Day - HQs Closed

22George Washington's Birthday

MARCH 2018

5 -7ANNUAL SERVICE PROGRAM TRAINING IN ORLANDO, FL

14National Commanders Presentation to Joint congressional

COMMITTEES, WASHINGTON D.C.

APRIL 2018

12-14Branson MO Honors Purple Heart Recipients

24Investment Committee Conference Call



FUTURE CONVENTIONS

2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION, SPOKANE, WA	July 30—August 3
2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION, BRANSON, MO	JULY 15—JULY 19
2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION, CHARLESTON, W	VJULY 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



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO OUR PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS,
ASSOCIATE + AUXILIARY MEMBERS.

From: National Headquarters