Dear Patriots,

**Officer Access at www.purpleheart.org is DOWN.** Our website is not compatible with a recent data security protocol update. A new website is being built with officer access being the highest priority.

Commanders and Adjutants please email membership@purpleheart.org to request information or rosters and specify the type of file format (pdf or excel).

**2018 Membership Directory:** The Directory is scheduled for delivery in August 2018. Apparel and Travel Bag items are now in the pipeline for delivery. For any address changes, please notify the Membership Department and also PCI customer service by calling 1-800-982-1590.

**Legislative Update:** National Commander's testimony to the Joint Session of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees.

**Procedures Manual:** The Bylaws Committee is currently updating the Procedures Manual. When completed, it will be re-named a “How-to-Manual” and will be posted on the MOPH website.

**Chapters & Departments:**

- Please submit your election reports! Chapter elections are due NLT 30 April 2018. Department elections are due NLT 1 June 2018.
- Please see new 2018 GUIDELINES for ROTC/JROTC awards.
- Remember to “share your news” with your fellow Purple Hearters by submitting your stories, articles & photos for the Purple Hat Press to: communications@purpleheart.org
- **Department Convention list** with National Officer Attendee information is available online at: [http://www.mophnationalconvention.org/2018-department-convention-listing/](http://www.mophnationalconvention.org/2018-department-convention-listing/)

Yours In Patriotism,

Jack

Jack Leonard
National Adjutant MOPH
MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

REPORTS !! DUE DATES !!! TRACKER !!!

To ensure that you receive credit, please submit your reports to Headquarters on time! Reports can be emailed to membership@purpleheart.org, faxed to (703) 642-1841 or mailed.

Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing reports. Be sure to log in to check the Report Tracker to verify that your reports have been approved.

When a report is received at Headquarters as “valid” and is processed, the record is updated and the checkbox will have a checkmark.

The Report Tracker is an online snapshot! It tracks the acceptance of valid, timely-received Election, Finance, 990 and Life Member Verification Reports submitted by Chapters and Departments. The information is grouped by Region and sorted by Departments. To view chapter reports, just click on the Department name.

Processing of New Applications

Due to the increased volume of processing annual reports, please allow 6-8 weeks for completion of new applications. We sincerely appreciate your understanding.
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)

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<td>Report Forms Update on Website - (Election, Finance, Americanism, VAVS, Welfare &amp; LM Verification)</td>
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*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
UPDATES -- ROTC/JROTC PROGRAM

FEES MUST ACCOMPANY REQUESTS

♦ MOPH is now charging $15.00 for each ROTC/JROTC Award Package.
♦ Make checks payable to: MOPH (not Stewart McKeown & not the school).
♦ Credit cards are now being accepted for payment, please call HQs at 703-642-5360, Ext 109 or 106.

**Awards are shipped upon receipt of payment!**

CHAPTERS & DEPARTMENTS:

♦ Please determine whether you will pay for the Award(s) and contact your local ROTC/JROTC programs to work out presentation details.

♦ Please continue to send your list(s) of schools to Headquarters by email (rotc@purpleheart.org) or by mail accompanied by a check to cover the cost of the Award(s) ordered.

♦ Schools without an MOPH point of contact continue to reach out to HQs directly or order online. When orders are fulfilled, the schools are provided with information to find a local MOPH representative. We appreciate your continued support in honoring these requests.

SCHOOLS:

If individual schools do not have a local Chapter or Department point of contact to pay for their award(s), please send a check to MOPH HQs with the school’s name and address, or call HQs (703-642-5360, Ext 109 or 106) to submit credit card payment.

If mailing a payment:

Attn: ROTC/JROTC
MOPH Headquarters
5413-B Backlick Road
Springfield, VA 22151
Military Order of the Purple Heart Salutes the National Service Officers’ Dedication to Veterans

In March, 2018, the National Service Officers (NSOs), employed by the Military Order of the Purple Heart National Service Program (NSP), gathered in Orlando, Florida, to undergo a comprehensive annual training program. Led by National Service Director Angelo Wider, the National Service Program is the focus of MOPH’s mission to assist all Veterans and their families with their claims for earned benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Accredited by the VA, these NSOs receive training in all aspects of Veterans’ benefits, keeping abreast of changes in VA regulations, policies, procedures and entitlements. They learn the extent, the meaning and the application of laws that have been passed by the U.S. Congress in the interests of Veterans and their dependents. They also learn the rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Veterans Affairs to clarify and implement those laws. The National Service Officer will apply his/her specialized knowledge in the best way suited to the needs of every individual Veteran or other beneficiary who comes to him/her for assistance. For some, this was his/her first step in becoming an NSO; for the more experienced NSOs, it was an opportunity to learn about changes made to VA regulations and procedures during the past year. In each case, the NSOs share a common purpose, to counsel and assist all Veterans, their families, and survivors in matters concerning education, disability compensation, employment, hospitalization, rehabilitation, home loans, insurance, pension, and other benefits.

In addition to the professional NSO, training is also available to Department and Chapter Service Officers who are then able to advise and assist other Patriots in their respective Departments and Chapters that may be seeking an increase in compensation for a service-connected injury. Two such Patriots that attended the training this year were National Commander Neil Van Ess, and Junior Vice Commander Felix Garcia. In the case of Van Ess, he first received NSO training in 2005, and has assisted countless Veterans with their claims over the years since.

A highlight of the week was the recognition of a number of NSOs for their dedication and professionalism. In particular, Daniel Kuhn was named as National Service Officer of the Year for 2017. Runners up included Wanda Baier Bordeaux, Kimberly Ramsey, and Michael Labelle, each of whom was selected as “NSO of the Year” for their respective region. Other awardees included Melissa Logsdon-Young, who received a distinguished service award for her work as Chair of the Committee that oversaw implementation of the switch from the Verification Case Management System (VCMS) to Vetraspec, a new internet-based management system. Other Committee members included Edward Rausch, Theresa Neibacher, Brian Olson, Michael Labelle, Michelle Edwards-Baxter, and Crystal Newbold. Distinguished Service Awards were also presented to members of the Training Committee responsible for organizing and presenting this year’s training program, Nelson Vasquez, Troy Westphal, Kimberly Ramsey, and Lloyd Coffman.

During the closing ceremony, National Commander Van Ess took the stage to address the NSOs, AAs, and other guests. In his heartfelt remarks, he praised the attendees for their remarkable dedication and assistance to Veterans and their families. He noted that most VA Medical Centers not only recognize the professionalism of the MOPH NSOs, but often recommend their services over other NSOs to their Veteran patients. Underscoring the importance of the NSO, Commander Van Ess paid what is perhaps the most telling compliment to the attendees, when he said “Without the National Service Program, the Military Order of the Purple Heart would just be another social club.”

Angelo Wider
National Service Director
Military Order of the Purple Heart
5413-B Backlick Road
Springfield – VA 22151
Tel: 703-642-5360 Ext: 103
Fax: 703-642-2054
The MOPH National Service Program employs an appellate staff which includes senior attorney Celeste Krikorian and legal assistant Britany Thomas to assist veterans before the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) in Washington, DC. If the benefits sought by a veteran are not granted at the Regional Office (RO) level, our MOPH staff appeals his/her case to the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA).

As the senior attorney, I use my years’ experience and the force of the law to advocate for each MOPH veteran by employing the latest VA regulations and case law. My motto is: “To fight for each and every veteran up until the final decision is signed and if needed, even after.” In the VA judicial system, “de novo” review is provided at the RO and BVA appellate level, but not if appealed to the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims where review is more selective. “De novo” means that all evidence new and old submitted is looked at again before a new decision is made. The last judicial body providing “de novo” review is BVA. While reviewing cases that appear at the BVA, I don’t use only the evidence presented to me in a veteran’s case file. If I find that more evidence is needed to prevail, Britany and I reach out to the veteran for additional evidence.

Further, if a MOPH veteran is not treated fairly or a new VA policy is not in the veterans’ best interest, I work collaboratively with VA staff for a positive solution. I most recently worked with VA staff and other veteran organizations to advocate for more equitable review of appeals under the new appeals process which will be formally launched by VA in February 2019 and have taught MOPH area managers the best way to approach the new appellate process.

There are also incidents where a particular VARO is not following the law properly and when this occurs, I teach MOPH NSOs which laws will better serve their veterans. I provide advice to NSOs seeking legal assistance and also attend meetings or provide legal advice for the benefit of the MOPH National Service Director.

I began practicing veterans’ law in 1992; my first job post law school was with the BVA. After working there, I left the field and went back to law school for a Masters of Law degree (LL.M.). However, my calling to serve veterans was very strong, and I knew that my profession had turned into a vocation. I returned to the BVA and noticed that serving veterans was taking a back seat to the focus of whittling away at the backlog of cases. Our office seeks to make sure that each veteran is served correctly and fairly.

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On March 14, 2018, Neil Van Ess, National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, testified before a joint hearing of the Senate and House Committees on Veterans’ Affairs on the Order’s priority legislative issues that need to be addressed in the upcoming session of Congress:

Commander Van Ess Testifies

In his opening remarks, Commander Van Ess thanked the respective Committee Chairmen for their continuing efforts on behalf of America’s Veterans and the many accomplishments achieved during the previous Legislative Session. However, Commander Van Ess made clear that much remains to be done to support of our military men and women who have served and those who continue to serve in harm’s way.

MOPH believes, without equivocation, that all veterans deserve the best health care available and the timely processing of claims for any benefits earned by their service. According to Commander Van Ess, MOPH’S legislative priorities for 2018 include: The need for a well-integrated Community Care Program to supplement VA direct services; the need to retain the benefit of Individual Unemployability (IU) to allow veterans to receive disability compensation at the 100 percent rate, if their disabilities prevent them from maintaining gainful employment;

Concurrent Receipt: the need to eliminate the offset from their retirement pay of an amount equal to their VA disability compensation for military retirees who have a service connected disability less than 50 percent; the need to eliminate the offset for surviving spouses who are eligible for both the DOD Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC);

Death Gratuity: 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;

POW/MIA Accounting: MOPH believes strongly that when the United States sends its sons and daughters into battle to defend our democracy, our freedoms, and our National Interests abroad, we owe it to our servicemembers and their families to also bring them home. If they are killed in action, become prisoners of war or are missing in action, our Nation should spare no expense until we account for each and every one of them;

Protecting the Purple Heart Medal: MOPH recommends passage of The Private Corrado Piccoli Purple Heart Preservation Act which would put an end to the objectionable practice of selling military-issued Purple Hearts on the secondary market at exorbitant prices, making it harder to reunite veterans and families with lost or stolen medals;

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin: MOPH strongly supports H.R. 1683 the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act, sponsored by Representative Sean Patrick Maloney.

For the full text of the Commander’s testimony, please view a copy of what was submitted to the Congress on the MOPH HQ website: https://www.veterans.senate.gov/download/moph-vanness-testimony-03142018

Commander Van Ess is number five on the agenda, to view video, click here: https://www.veterans.senate.gov/hearings/legislative-presentation-of-multiple-vsos-03142018

To view coverage of event by Public Relations, click here: http://nebula.wsimg.com/bbd32b03e6c18180ef8032b20aab0d65?
# 86th Military Order of the Purple Heart & 85th MOPH Auxiliary National Convention Registration

**July 30th - August 3rd, 2018**

**Spokane, WA**

**Register Early and Save $20.00 - Deadline June 26th, 2018**

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Please initial if this is your First Time Attending a National Convention: MOPH MOPHA

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**Request for REFUNDS on any PAID Sessions Noted Above will not be Honored AFTER June 26th!**

**Total:**

Payment Options - Make Checks Payable to "MOPH National Convention"

Deadline June 26th!

**Deadline June 26th!**

Payment Options:

- American Express: [ ]
- Visa: [ ]
- Mastercard: [ ]
- Discover: [ ]

Credit Card No: 
Expiration: 
Security Code: 

Name on Card: 
Signature (Required):

Registration DOES NOT include Hotel Reservations

Call Hotel RL by Red Lion Spokane at the Park Tollfree: 1-800-733-5466 or Local: 509-755-6644
Book online at: bit.ly/2018MOPHhotel

Rooms Must Be Reserved by June 26th, 2018 to receive the convention room rate.
MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART  
86TH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
SPOKANE, WA  
Monday July 30th – Friday August 3rd, 2018

Hotel:  
Hotel RL by Red Lion Spokane at the Park  
303 West North River Drive  
Spokane, WA 99201  
Tel: (509) 326-8000  
Fax: (509) 325-7329  
Website: [https://www.redlion.com/park-spokane](https://www.redlion.com/park-spokane)

To make a reservation, please call:  
Tel: 1-800-733-5466 or 509-755-6644  
MOPH Convention Code: 20180726  
or use link:  

Room Rates include complimentary airport shuttle, parking, and access to Fitness Center. Free wifi throughout the hotel and refrigerator & microwave in ALL rooms. ADA rooms are limited, please make your reservation early and reserve if these are needed. Please sign up for the Hello Rewards Program at: [https://myhellorrewards.redlion.com/Login/SignUp](https://myhellorrewards.redlion.com/Login/SignUp)

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Airport shuttle is complimentary. Please provide flight details to hotel after confirmation of hotel is received. Kindly also contact them regarding ANY special needs, ie: ADA shuttle or room requirements etc.

**Deadline for Convention Room Rate: Tuesday June 26, 2018**

Any Questions or availability issues, please contact:  
MaryJean Jacob  
Hotel RL Spokane at the Park  
H: 509-755-6644 or  
Email: [MaryJean.Jacob@hotel-rl.com](mailto:MaryJean.Jacob@hotel-rl.com)
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON

CONVENTION BOOK ADVERTISING

Please support the Department of Washington by purchasing an advertisement in the 2018 Convention Book. Don't miss the chance to get your message out! **Deadline: May 1st, 2018.**

Various sizes/options are available. [CLICK HERE TO PLACE AN AD.]

SIGN UP TO PLAY GOLF! SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Golf tournament will be at Indian Canyon Golf Course in SW Spokane. [VIEW THE COURSE HERE.]

- To sign up individually or with a team download [THIS FORM]
- Sponsorship opportunities available on 4 levels: [CLICK HERE]

CONVENTION COIN & LAPEL PIN

Please Support The Department Of Washington By Purchasing A Set Of Commemorative Items!

The 2018 Convention coin and lapel pin, set available for $18.00 OR the coin, lapel and fishing lure for $23.00, shipping included.

[CLICK HERE TO BUY]

SCOOTERS & WHEELCHAIRS: RESERVE YOURS NOW!

Scooters & Wheelchairs can be rented for the week of National Convention. Please call Scooters, Wheelchairs & More at 509-489-6879 to reserve one or email: sales@westernmedicalspecialties.com.

- Scooters rent: $150/week
- Push wheelchairs rent: $30/week

Online reservations here: [http://www.westernmedicalspecialties.com]
**AIRPORT:**
Spokane International Airport (Code: GEG)
9000 W. Airport Drive, Suite 204
Spokane, WA. 99224
Tel: (509) 455-6455
Website:  [http://spokaneairports.net/](http://spokaneairports.net/)
Serviced by: Alaska, American, Delta, SouthWest & United Airlines
([http://spokaneairports.net/airlines/](http://spokaneairports.net/airlines/))

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL:**

From I-90 East or West:
- Take Exit 281 Division Street Exit
- Follow North Division Street for approx. 1 mile
- Cross the Spokane River
- Turn left at the traffic light onto North River Drive
The hotel is on the left-hand side

From Northtown Mall (Division St):
- Follow South Division Street for approx. 4 miles
- Take the far right lane
- Turn right onto North River Drive
The hotel is on the left-hand side

From Interstate Fairgrounds and Avista Stadium:
- Travel south on Havana Street to 2nd Avenue and turn right
- Take 2nd Avenue to I-90 Westbound
- Take Exit 281 Division Street Exit
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**REGISTRATION**
Early registration: $55.00
Late registration: $75.00 *(after June 26th, 2018)*

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE**
If you prefer not to make an online registration, please download the
**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**, and complete and
(1) fax to 703-642-1841, (2) mail to MOPH National Headquarters: 5413-B Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22151 or
(3) Fill out, scan and email to Membership@purpleheart.org

**Free time: CASINO—Sign up for shuttle to/from**
Attendees not taking part in the Gold Tournament at Indian Canyon are invited by the Kalispel Tribe of Indians to their Northern Quest Resort and Casino.

To sign up early, e-mail Convention Chair:
GARY YEAGER  gjyeager@aol.com

**CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE CASINO**
MOPH Member & Senator Tammy Duckworth is the first sitting U.S. senator to give birth while in office. Senator Duckworth announced in a Facebook post that Maile Pearl was born April 9, 2018.

Our congratulations to the Senator and her family.
# MOPH
## AMERICANISM & RECRUITING MATERIALS
### Price List as of March 1, 2018

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<td>A beautiful 2” x 8” double sided bookmark featuring the Pledge of Allegiance on the front, and the Folds of the American Flag on the reverse.</td>
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<td>2018-2019 CALENDAR BOOKMARKER</td>
<td>A beautiful 2” x 8” bookmark with 2018/2019 calendar years on one side, and the Purple Heart on the reverse.</td>
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<td>50 to a pack</td>
<td>HISTORY OF THE PURPLE HEART BOOKMARKER</td>
<td>This 2” x 7” bookmark provides great detail about the History of the Purple Heart Medal, as well as current MOPH information.</td>
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<td>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE POCKET CARD</td>
<td>This pocket sized 2” x 3” card is adorned with the Purple Heart on the front and the Pledge of Allegiance on the reverse.</td>
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<td>NATIONAL ANTHEM POCKET CARD</td>
<td>Featuring a short bio on Francis Scott Key on one side, and the lyrics of The Star Spangled Banner on the reverse. This 3” x 4” card is a great giveaway for events and fundraisers.</td>
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<td>OLD GLORY BOOKLET BOOKLET</td>
<td>The Old Glory Booklet is a beautiful and informative publication. It is our most popular Americanism item. This 5 ½” x 8 ½” booklet covers detailed flag history.</td>
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<td>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS</td>
<td>Standard application (8.5 x 11 inches) for MOPH Life or Associate Members.</td>
<td>$8.00</td>
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<td>WINDSHIELD RECRUITING CARDS</td>
<td>Printed on heavy-duty paper with the Purple Heart &amp; MOPH logo, with space to attach a business card; it fits nicely under a car’s windshield wiper. Use as an invite to join The Military Order of the Purple Heart.</td>
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<td>PRIDE / JOIN NOW POSTERS</td>
<td>The Pride/Join Now Poster (8.5 x 11 inches) is an attractive, high-gloss poster, strong color with good information for would-be members.</td>
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<td>JOIN NOW TRI-FOLD APPLICATIONS</td>
<td>Tri-fold MOPH Recruiting “Join Now” Application. Contains detachable membership application, as well as facts about the Order.</td>
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03-08-2018
APRIL 2018
12-14 .............. Branson MO honors Purple Heart Recipients
24 ................... Investment Committee Conference Call

MAY 2018
21-22.................. Purple Heart Foundation Spring BoD Meeting, Jacksonville, FL.
28 ................... Memorial Day (National Headquarters Closed)

JUNE 2018
18.................... National Finance Committee Meeting, Detroit, MI
30 ................... End of FY 2018 Grant Year

NATIONAL CONVENTION
30 July to August 3 in Spokane, WA

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FUTURE CONVENTIONS
2018 National Convention, Spokane, WA.........................July 30—August 3
2019 National Convention, Branson, MO............................July 15—July 19
2020 National Convention, Charleston, WV ............................July 27—July 31

KEY DATES FOR PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE
Deadline for Articles ........................................FIRST 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

OBITUARY
The First Native Hawaiian To Serve, Former US Senator Daniel Akaka passed away at age 93 on Saturday April 7th, 2018.

Senator Akaka, who fought for the sovereignty of Native Hawaiians, served in Washington for more than 3-1/2 decades.