

# MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART



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**MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART**



**WELCOME  
PATRIOTS  
VETERANS  
AND  
GUESTS**





## 22 million total in 2015

2.0 M Female Veterans

8.92 M Enrolled in VA Health

3.95 M Receive Disability Comp

440,000 - 100% Disabled

45.2 % Aged 65 +

1,652 OIF/OEF Amputees



# Veteran Statistics



**VA currently operates the largest integrated health care system in the country, providing care to almost 9 Million Veterans.**

**VA's budget is >\$154 billion in 2014**

**347,883 Total VA Employees.**

**450 VA Hospitals & Centers , 819 CBOC's**

**131 National Cemeteries**



# Where They Served



WW II (1941-1945) – 1.02 M

Korea (1950-1953) – 1.9 M

Vietnam (1964-1975) – 7.3 M

Gulf Wars (1990-Present) – 7.03 M

Peacetime – 5.5 M



# Purple Heart Recipients

<b>WW I:</b>	<b>250,000<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>WW II:</b>	<b>962,403</b>
<b>Korea:</b>	<b>137,023</b>
<b>Vietnam:</b>	<b>351,078</b>
<b>Persian Gulf:</b>	<b>615</b>
<b>New Dawn:</b>	<b>333</b>
<b>Iraq:</b>	<b>35,431 *</b>
<b>Afghanistan:</b>	<b>21,910 *</b>
<b>OIR/OFS:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Estimated:</b>	<b>1.75 M<sup>1</sup></b>

NOTE<sup>1</sup>: Estimates only. Battlefield awards and incomplete records; 1974 fire in St. Louis repository. \*Includes New Dawn and other casualties.

\*Data as of 4/1/2015



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY VESTED IN HIM BY CONGRESS  
HAS AWARDED THE

## PURPLE HEART

ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON  
AT NEWBURGH, NEW YORK, AUGUST 7, 1782

**The Military Order of the Purple Heart is **unique** among all veteran service organizations in that our membership is comprised entirely of **combat veterans** who were wounded on the world's battlefields while **serving our country** in uniform. For this sacrifice they were awarded the **Purple Heart Medal****





# MOPH Today



**National Headquarters, Washington DC**

**About 45,000 Total Members**

**6 Regions**

**50 Departments\* (States)**

**475 Chapters**

**\* Includes Puerto Rico & Guam**



# Objects of our Order






# PATRIOTISM



# Patriotism



-  By Patriotism we mean **true allegiance** to the government of the United States of America and **fidelity** to its Constitution and Laws.
-  Patriotism is **devotion to our Country** which demands that we do our utmost to make our home, our city, our state, and our nation a better place in which to live.
-  In time of emergency we must give all we have of loyalty, service, savings, and sacrifice in the **defense of our Country** and Flag.



# Objects of our Order






**Patriotism**

# Fraternality



# Fraternal



-  Fraternity requires that we attend all meetings of our Chapter if at all possible, to keep alive our contacts with fellow Patriots, to aid in the deliberations, and to offer suggestions for the good of the Order.
-  Fraternity means a kindly impulse towards all Patriots, a cheerful smile, and a firm handclasp of loyal friendship.
-  It also means that we cooperate with other veteran, patriotic, and civic organizations in worthy objectives.



# Objects of our Order



**Patriotism**



**Fraternal**

**Historical & Educational**



# Historical & Educational



**Our aim is to keep alive the memory of our founding fathers and to honor the memory of General George Washington, who instituted the Purple Heart on August 7, 1782, at Newburgh-on-the-Hudson in the State of New York.**



**The Educational Objects of our Order are based on loyalty to our Country and reverence to God.**



**We advocate and participate in the teaching of our youth and new citizens about their heritage of American Citizenship with an appreciation of its responsibilities, as well as its rights and privileges.**



# Service to the Community



The hallmark of the MOPH is its programs that improve the lives of veterans, their families, and the communities in which we live.






In all cases, it's not about **WHO WE ARE**, it's about **WHAT WE DO** to make our cities, our states, and our Nation a better place to live and work.





# Purple Heart Service Program







-  By far the largest of MOPH's programs.
-  The Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Program exists to assist Veterans, ALL VETERANS, in working with the VA and filing claims for the many benefits that are available. **You do NOT need to be a Member of the Purple Heart Organization to seek assistance.**
-  The program provides VA certified veteran's benefits experts at various Veterans Administration regional offices, hospitals, vet centers, and state and county veterans' facilities.



# Purple Heart Service Program



-  **The Purple Heart Foundation funds the operation of these programs with grants. The Service Foundation receives their money through various fund raising activities, such as thrift stores, the car donation program, and other donor programs**
-  **The Order's Annual Operating Budget is approximately \$9.75 million, of which \$7 million goes to support the Service Program.**
-  **The Service program operates a nation-wide network of some 77 offices, staffed by fully trained Service Officers and assistants; accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs.**
-  **Department and Chapter Service Officers volunteer to assist Veterans and their families throughout the Country.**



# Purple Heart Service Program



**MOPH National Service Officers (NSOs) process Veterans' claims for compensation, pension, medical care, education, job training, employment, Veterans' preference, housing, death, and burial benefits. There are 134 trained and accredited NSO's and Staff.**



**In 2014, MOPH Service Officers assisted over 91,000 Veterans and their dependents, with more than 14,100 VA claims and recovered over \$312 million in benefits for Veterans and their dependents.**

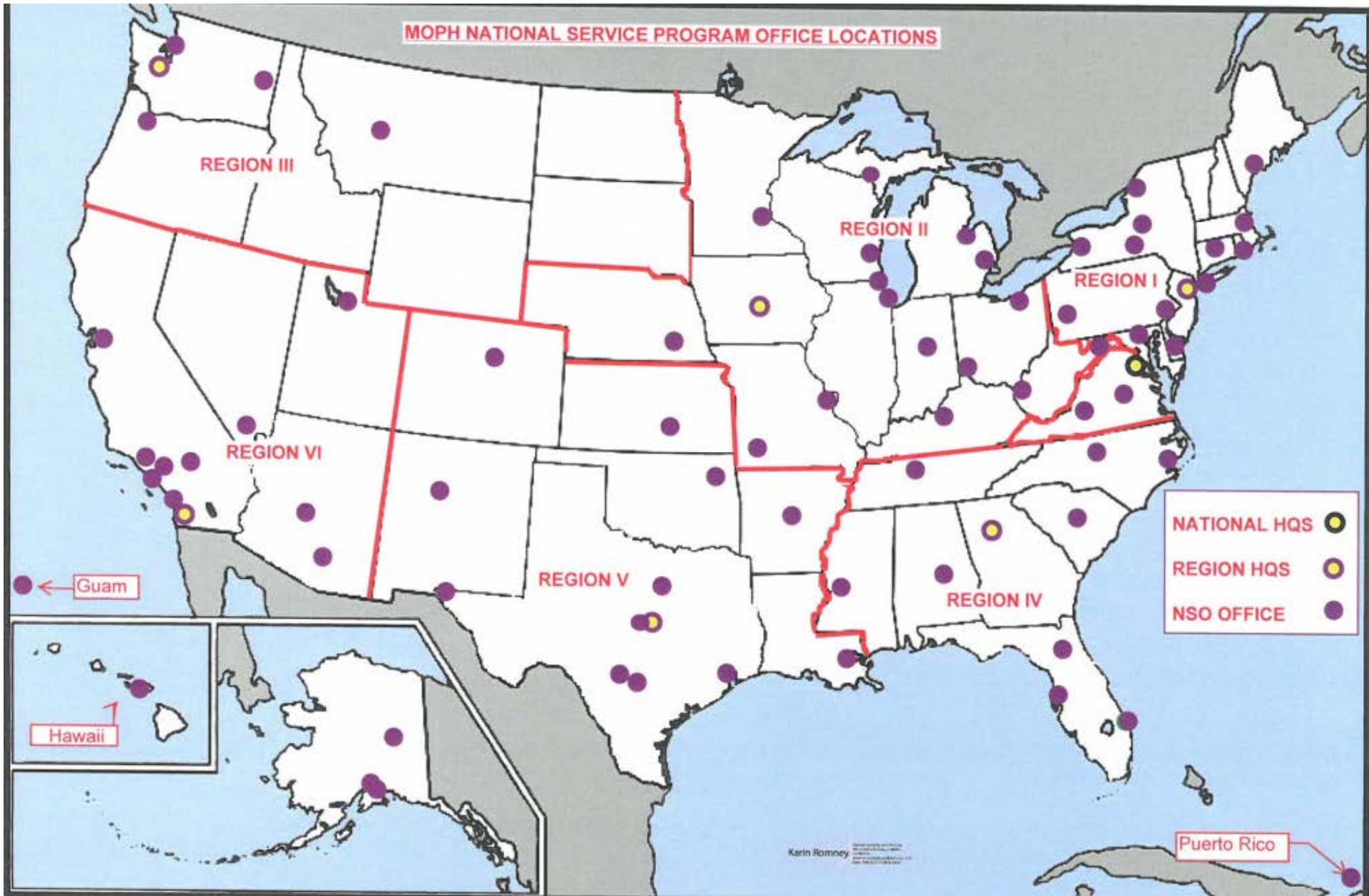


**The MOPH does not accept government funding for its Service Program.**



**The MOPH Serves on President's Committee for employment of people with disabilities; and, the MOPH assists the VA in identifying and helping homeless veterans.**





# MOPH NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM OFFICE LOCATIONS





# National Outreach Program






-  Provides services to veterans in hard to reach rural and urban areas.
-  Reaches handicapped and destitute veterans unable to go to a VA regional office.
-  Educates veterans on their benefits and entitlements.
-  In 2014, there were more than 2,600 outreach visits by NSOs to Vet Centers, Hospitals, Military Bases, and other veteran gatherings.



# Court of Veterans Appeals



-  One of five national veterans organizations presenting veterans' claims before the court.
-  One of only four organizations to employ a full time attorney at law to represent veterans; Court decisions can affect rating decision in thousands of veterans claims.
-  In 2014, MOPH processed 207 appeals and appeared at 129 hearings.

**Successful representations protect all veterans.**



# Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service



Throughout the VA medical center system, the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Program (VAVS) operates . . . . .





the largest volunteer program  
in the Federal Government,

supplementing staff and resources in all areas of patient care and support.



## Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS)



-  This past year, MOPH volunteers throughout the Country, donated their time at VA Health Care Facilities and in State Veteran Homes to assist Veterans. We have volunteers at more than 100 VA Medical Facilities.
-  In 2014, MOPH Volunteers donated more than 160 thousand hours to the VA at over 85 different VA Centers and Clinics.
-  In 2014, our volunteers' time and effort amounted to the equivalent of over 90 full time DVA employees, saving the VA over \$3.6 M in salaries.
-  In 2014, we provided \$50,000 in VAVS Scholarships for youth volunteers working with MOPH Chapters and Departments.





# Americanism Program



**The purpose of the Americanism Program is to work with schools and other organizations to help . . . . .**

**Promote U.S. history**  
**and the quest for freedom.**



# Scholarships



Each year, the Military Order of the Purple Heart awards . . . . .

## Educational Scholarships

to select students who complete the application process and meet certain criteria.

In 2014, MOPH received 355 applications and awarded 83 scholarships totaling 249,000.

# Competitive Scholarship Program for MOPH members, their spouse, and direct lineal descendants



In 2015, 289 qualified applications from a pool of 319

Awarded 83, \$3,000 scholarships

And ONE LT Michael Murphy U.S. Naval SEAL Memorial Scholarship of \$5,000



# ROTC & JROTC



The Military Order of the Purple Heart's Youth Programs are focused on .

Fostering patriotism, Leadership, and good citizenship among America's youth.

We recognize outstanding leadership in cadets and midshipmen through the Senior and Junior ROTC programs in the United States and Department of Defense Dependent Schools worldwide.

In 2014, more than 3,000 High School, College, University, and Trade School students received Medals and Certificates for their ROTC & JROTC programs.



**MOPH  
provides  
ROTC &  
JROTC  
Leadership  
Awards to  
over 3,000  
High  
Schools,  
Colleges,  
Universities  
& Trade  
Schools  
CONUS &  
DOD  
Schools  
abroad.**



# Purple Heart Trail



The Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 by the Military Order of the Purple Heart to be a symbolic trail throughout all 50 states to commemorate and . .  
honor all men and women who have been wounded  
or killed in combat

Starts at Mount Vernon, Virginia and now includes a portion of the trail in all 50 states across America, plus a portion of the trail in Guam and Puerto Rico.

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Pulaski  
county  
missouri USA

Pulaski County Tourism Bureau  
& Visitors Center



# Purple Heart Entities



In recent years, communities, sports teams, and other entities across the country have honored the service and sacrifice those American sons and daughters who were wounded or killed in action on the battlefields of the world.

For example, on George Washington's Birthday, Feb 22, 2015, the City Council of New York City named NYC as a "Purple Heart City," making it the largest such entity in the United States. The ceremony took place on the steps of Federal Hall where Washington was sworn in as our first president.





# Purple Hearts Reunited



**Purple Hearts Reunited Inc. (PHR) is a separately registered, 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that operates within the MOPH Americanism Program.**

**Founded in 2012 by CPT Zachariah Fike, a combat-wounded, active-duty Army National Guard officer, PHR honors the service and sacrifice of veterans whose military medals of valor have been lost or stolen.**

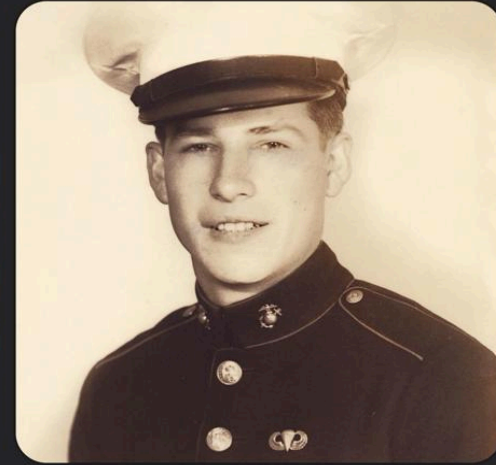
**To date, PHR has been able to locate and return medals to over 100 military families.**



# PURPLE HEARTS REUNITED



NEW TONIGHT  
FAMILY TO BE REUNITED WITH PURPLE HEART  
FOUND UNDER BUS BENCH  
PETERSON SCHOOL "CLASS OF 1940" TASSELS FOUND IN BOX



ONLY ON 7NEWS  
PURPLE HEART FOUND UNDER BUS BENCH  
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# Women Veterans Program



**The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is committed to all female veterans.**

**We are actively reaching out to more combat injured females and encouraging them to join MOPH.**

**Current initiatives include assessing the needs of female veterans; disseminating relevant information to address their needs; and advocating on their behalf.**

**We also welcome feedback and ways to better serve our female members and female veterans in general.**



# Legislative Program



**The MOPH maintains a constant presence on Capital Hill, voicing its position on all legislative issues affecting Veterans and their families.**

**The MOPH participates in The VSO Military Coalition and has taken the lead on numerous legislative issues, including award of the Purple Heart to POW's who died in captivity.**

**Each year, the MOPH conducts a "March on the Hill" to meet with and explain MOPH's legislative priorities with home state legislators.**

# SERVICE



# FOUNDATION



# MOPH Service Foundation



**Raise funds for service, welfare, and rehabilitation, in connection with MOPH and its members; for *any* wounded, disabled or handicapped veteran, his widow, orphan or survivors.**



**To fund and provide resources to medical institutes and organizations for research and treatment of PTS and TBI. To fund and provide resources for the prevention of suicide.**



**Support and maintenance of legislative service to advise and confer with the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Government on all matters of importance to disabled ex-servicemen and women -- particularly when they might be the subject of legislation.**



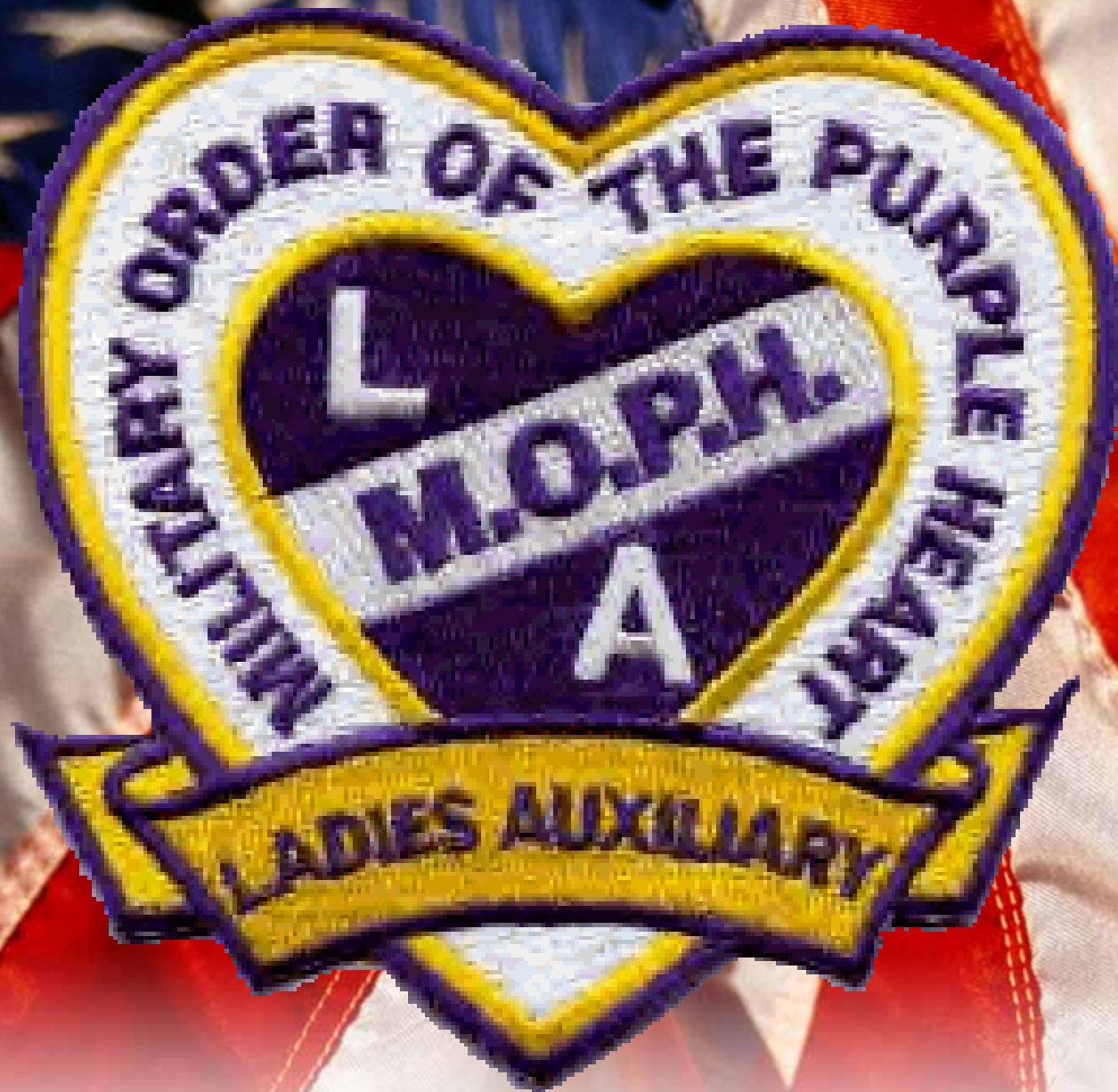
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## Other Service Foundation Programs



- PTSD Resource Guide for Veteran Counselors
- The Gold Star Mothers of America
- The Center for the Intrepid
- The Fischer House Foundation
- The Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service in its hospitals and nursing homes.
- The United Services Organization (USO)
- The U.S. Army Historical Foundation
- The Veterans Wheelchair Games
- TBI & PTS Research and Treatment
- Wounded Warrior Outdoor Activities







# LAMOPH



**The Ladies Auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart consists of wives, mothers and daughters who support our Veterans.**



**Membership is open to lineal descendants of a Purple Heart recipient, even if they are not members themselves.**



**In comparison with Ladies Auxiliaries of many other veterans organizations, you are not required to be a U.S. citizen.**



**Membership does not require a lot of time -- your smallest effort can make a big difference for our military, veterans, and their loved ones.**



# MOPH NEEDS YOU !



Requirements for membership



\$50 Lifetime Membership



Regular vs. Associate



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**THANK YOU  
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