



The Purple Heart

TET OFFENSIVE BATTLES 55 YEARS AGO



Red Dots ~ North Vietnamese Army Simultaneously Attack Throughout the Whole Country

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Patriots, Auxiliary Members, and Associates, Attending this year's Pearl Harbor Day remembrance ceremony was an honor and a privilege for me. As the National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, I had the great privilege of attending ceremonies in Hawaii that paid tribute to those courageous patriots who fought valiantly during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. For several years now, the leadership of the MOPH has not been able to attend such programs due to severe budget constraints. I was fortunate enough to be able to finance the trip myself to represent our Order again at such an important event properly.

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Our organization has to ensure that our nation remembers the courage and fortitude of those who survived such a dishonorable attack on our nation and those we lost. No matter how much time has passed, the grit and resolve of the heroes of Pearl Harbor must always be remembered and honored. We must never forget what happened that day, nor the courage and self-sacrifice of those who fought so bravely. Their legacy of patriotism and dedication to the cause of freedom will never be forgotten. May the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice find comfort in the knowledge

that their loved ones will never be forgotten. The heroes of Pearl Harbor will always be remembered, and their legacy will continue to live on in our hearts for generations to come. As we close out 2022, we reflect on a year of great successes and challenges for our organization. We continue to adapt how we function as an Order as we begin to heal after a divisive few years. Forgiveness of others and their transgressions are never easy. In fact, it is challenging to do. It

takes strength of character and the will to no longer poison yourself with resentment and hate. We must never forget the past, but we cannot become

mired in it, ruminating in bile and contempt. We must take ownership of our own healing to make our Order stronger and more independent.

We must rise from the ashes and take on the responsibility to assist Veterans and their families with renewed zeal. That duty is incumbent upon us all, and I trust we will not fail in our mission.

I wish you all a Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, and a Merry Christmas! Hoping you and your family have a peaceful and prosperous New Year. ♥

Patriots, it is that time of year when we have several holidays and spend time with friends and families. I know several Chapters and Departments are spreading holiday spirits by helping feed the homeless and give to those in need. Also, several Chapters and Departments have been in parades and have had Christmas parties spending quality time together with their community and Purple Heart families. Let us be reminded of those who cannot be with loved ones and those who stand today to protect our country. I am grateful that we can pull together and be with one another as the year 2022 ends.

As we finish up 2022, we got several things accomplished. The MOPH Headquarters has been streamlining how we operate by doing more things online; all reports will be submitted through the MOPH Website. MOPH is moving toward the future, making things easier and faster, and passing it on to the future leaders of the Order.

We now have it where Department Officers can update their Department Members' profiles. So if a chapter member's Address, Phone Number, or Email needs to be changed, they will be able to update it. Again this will help the Chapter or Department when they need to contact a member and find that the Information has changed. So now they will be able to update the Information on the spot instead of waiting and submitting it to MOPH Headquarters. Members can still edit their own profiles too.

The Website is making a few changes. We are updating some of the Information and making some changes to how some pages look (Fresh new Look). We are still looking for some new pictures to put in the Gallery, and if you have some awesome pictures of your Chapter or Department doing great things in your Community, please

send them to me, and we will see if we can get them uploaded on the Web Site.

You will notice that there is a QR code. Please scan and use this QR Code. From this QR Code, you can go to the Order Website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and PH Magazine, Become a Member, find a Chapter and Donate to the Legacy program. The National Junior Vice Robert Olivarez made the QR code for the Order to use. This QR Code is a handy tool for us to use in recruiting and a way to keep members updated on what is happening in the Order. This QR code can be added to any flyers your Chapter or Department hands out.

To scan a QR code on your iPhone, you have to open the Camera app and point your phone at the QR code. If you are still getting familiar with this, see below for how to use this.

The iPhone camera will recognize the QR code as long as all four corners of the code are in view. You will know you've scanned the code correctly when a pop-up notification appears at the top of your screen. Tap the pop-up notice, and you can access the Information on the QR code.

Androids Phones scan QR codes by pointing your camera directly at the QR Code (not at an Angle). A notification will pop up that will indicate what the QR code is for. While there are loads of QR scanners available for free in the Google Play store, the best option is Google's own Google Lens. Download and install the app (if it isn't already a default app on your phone), and grant permission to use the camera when you open it. Thank you for all you Do!! ♥

Yours in Patriotism

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TPHM must, however, see & get your submissions. We're getting better submissions, but not always directly. In spite of the eMail being listed throughout the publication, many are using individual eMails from the NEC Roster. The editor opens...

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Prior to finalizing the pre-press 'Blueline' the PUBs Committee can double check submissions for accuracy. The process becomes faster if with each submitted photo we receive detailed 'cutline' descriptions of the activity, who, by name, is in each picture and where & when the event took place.

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RETURN TO FORT MYERS BEACH

After the Eye of the Storm

by Jerry Frease

Editor's Note ~ Patriot Jerry Frease wrote in the November/December 2022 issue of The Purple Heart Magazine about his experiences during and after Hurricane Ian. Not many Patriots can fathom the aftermath of a CAT-5 hurricane. Patriot Jerry Frease, of Chapter 696 lives in Ft. Myers Beach, FL, in spite of his loss, explains it thus...

October 3rd, 2022, residents only could return to their homes on Fort Myers Beach, known locally as "The Beach." No vehicles allowed, you could bring bicycles or walk. My home is 4 miles south of the bridge. The only entrance to the north side of the 7 1/2 mile Long Island. The three other bridges on the south-side were closed due to severe hurricane damage. So it was bike or walk.

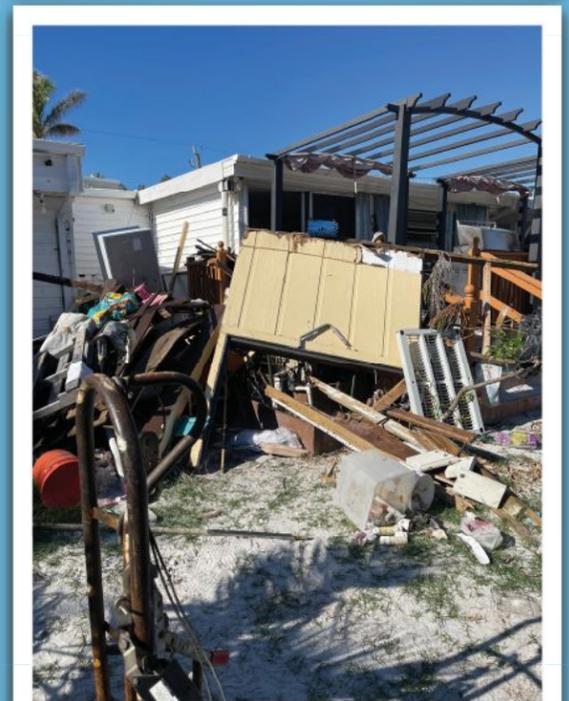
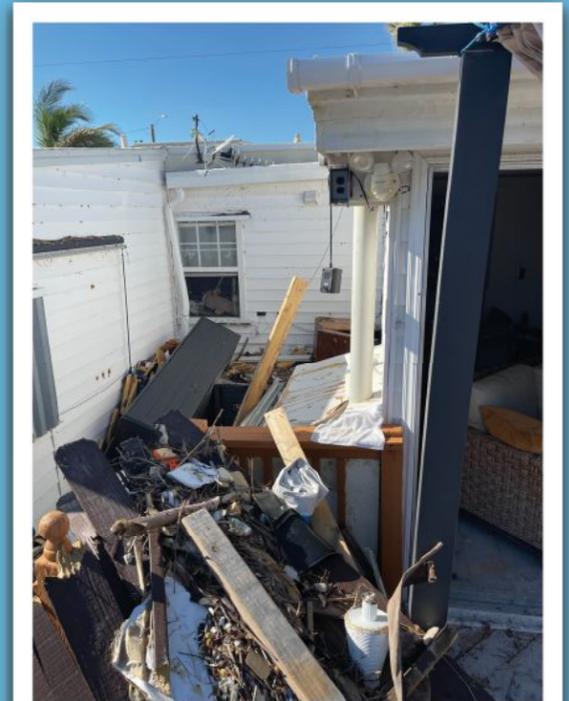
The sheriff would only let residents with photo IDs cross the bridge. So I went up the chain of command until I found a reasonable man. We walked our bicycles over the bridge. At the base of the bridge, I saw a national guard unit with a deuce and a half truck. I approached the National Guard trooper, Specialist Quinn, and asked, "can we get a ride on your deuce and half?" He said, "of course, sir put your bicycles and all on our truck, and we will take you to your home." We did so. They delivered us to within a couple of blocks from my home.

We rode bicycles and walked the rest of the way. We parked our bikes and walked on my property. It was blocked by debris and buildings that had been destroyed and washed onto our street. The scene was unbelievable. Everything in my neighborhood was out of place. Houses, buildings, vehicles, and things you would not expect to have been affected by the hurricane were deposited in helter-skelter fashion, tossed one on the other in a disastrous disheveled assemblage of carnage.

My heart sank; I was, for the first time, feeling the gravity of losing our home. It was a seminal moment that I will remember to my grave. What on earth has happened here? What were we to do? An under-statement is "it was overwhelming." The question is, what could be done, my Lord; where do I start? I survey the property and the damage to the interior of my home, and I have no words.

So here I am looking at life, our home, our way of life. All were destroyed, altered forever, with no roadmap on what to do next. There is no road map on what to do for anything, how can this be, what happened and whether the world has gone crazy.

This chaos was just the beginning of a nightmare. I am a Combat veteran, so I have nightmares. Now when I wake up from the nightmare, I wake up to a nightmare. I can't explain to you what it is like to lose everything more than I can explain to you what it's like to be pinned down in life-and-death combat. Some of you know what I'm saying, others I hope you never know what I'm saying. ♥





The MOPH Fund Inc. is the official fundraising arm of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Our sole purpose is to raise funds for programs executed by the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Our goal is to help ensure their programs receive support so more Purple Heart recipients and their families can be provided the assistance.



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Since 6 September 2022, our team has set out and got a few things accomplished. We have the Bank account set up with the Board Chairman, 1st Vice, and Treasure. The MOPH FUND Website is up and running, and we have a donation link on it (mophfund.org); we had to upgrade the website to show us as a .org site. We paid our License fees for Delaware and submitted the 990 for the Fund. We are in the process of getting information to get the Fund set up with a Google account as a Non Profit which will open the Fund to more opportunities. We now have a trifold pamphlet for people to use when talking about the MOPH FUND and asking for Donations. The Pamphlet has a QR Code that links to the website, donations, and social media. We have a team to work on the Charity Navigator, so people know who we are and see how to place us in the top rankings.

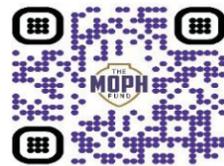
We also have started with Amazon Smiles. Amazon Smile is a simple way to support the MOPH FUND every time you shop, at no cost to you. Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to MOPH FUND INC. Go to smile.amazon.com on your web browser or activate Amazon Smile on your

Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone and select MOPH FUND INC. When you shop on Amazon, they will give us 0.5% of the purchase to the MOPH FUND.

The MOPH FUND has partnered with Vapor Apparel and Echo Analytics. Vapor has agreed to make clothing for us and sell them and give us a

percentage back to the Fund for each item purchased; see mophfund.org for the link to buy things. Also, we have partnered with Echo Analytics Group (EAG), which provides veterans with training and certification for developing critical open-source intelligence (OSINT) research and analysis skills through their Echo Academy. The goal is to give the veterans new professional skill sets for life after the military. If you are interested, go to mophfund.org and scroll to Echo Analytics for more information.

We now have our 501 C 3 and a Tax Donation letter from the treasure, Larry Leighton. For those needing a donation letter, don't hesitate to contact Larry or Carder, for a copy.



The MOPH FUND is looking for a talented social media manager to represent the MOPH FUND through a social media presence across all platforms we use. We are asking for someone who can do advertising while engaging the community by responding to comments and helping create ways for the MOPH FUND to raise funds for the Order. This would be a volunteer position for us now. If you are interested or know of a Patriot, please let one of the Board members know.

Our next MOPH FUND meeting is Wednesday, 11 January 2023. At this time, we will go over what we have accomplished and set out the next task and goals. We appreciate all the support we can get!! If you have any suggestions on how the MOPH FUND can get any donation for the Order, please get in touch with us and let the team know. ♥

Carder Ferguson

“We Need Unity in 2023”

According to Luke 11:17, 18, Jesus said, “Every Kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.” This is a universal truth! The best of all plans can be destroyed if we lack unity.

When there is division, projects cannot succeed. Because we have been divided, suspicious, and focused on each other’s weak points, we are breaking the most critical key for corporate success: UNITY!

Unity brings incredible strength! Nothing is impossible for people working in harmony. In the Old Testament times, when God desired to destroy the enemies of Israel, He sent division among them and caused them to fight themselves. Israel often did not have to fight in battle because the enemy destroyed itself.

Anytime an organization begins to fight itself, it will go down! Unless it moves in unity, there is absolutely nothing it can do—for good or evil. Think of what we can do together in unity.

I pray that ‘2023’ will be the Year of Forgiveness for our beloved Military Order Purple Heart!

More people lack forgiveness toward themselves than toward anybody else. Lack of forgiveness blocks the flow of unity, and the first person you probably have not forgiven is yourself.

God, Himself, is the second person we have to “forgive” if we have bitterness. Some blame God because a child died, a spouse ran away, they have been sick, things have not gone favorably for them, etc. Consciously or unconsciously, they think all these things are God’s fault.

It would be best if you got rid of resentment, especially toward those closest to you, and there has to be forgiveness for anybody else who has ever done anything against you. The third person you may have to forgive could be a fellow Patriot or a family member. All must be forgiven when slights and resentments have built up.

Lord, continue to give us wisdom and knowledge. ♥

Dr. Carlton L. Cannon, Sr

DEADLINE for article submissions
FEBRUARY 15, 2022
Deadlines are the 15th of even numbered months.

TET OFFENSIVE 1968

TET Offensive, attacks staged by North Vietnamese forces beginning in the early hours of January 31, 1968, during the **Vietnam War**. The Tet Offensive consisted of **simultaneous** attacks by some 85,000 troops under the direction of the North Vietnamese government. The attacks were carried out against five major South Vietnamese cities, dozens of military installations, and scores of towns and villages throughout South Vietnam. The offensive was a crushing tactical defeat for the North, but it struck a sharp psychological blow that eroded support for the war among the American public and political establishment. The offensive derives its name from the Vietnamese **New Year holiday**, during which the attacks occurred.

North Vietnamese Attack

In July 1967 North Vietnam's communist leaders decided to gamble upon a course of action that would ideally break the stalemate between North Vietnam and U.S.-backed South Vietnam. For the North Vietnamese government, the best result would be a **galvanizing** of discontent in the South that would, in turn, force the collapse of the government and army of South Vietnamese leader **Nguyen Van Thieu**. Alternatively, the offensive could convince the **United States** that it could not win the war.

By December 1967 there

were indications to U.S. military commanders in the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon (now **Ho Chi Minh City**) that the **Viet Cong** and the North Vietnamese were preparing for a major military campaign. The offensive was preceded by broadcasts from the **clandestine** "Liberation Radio" network, in which the Alliance of National, Democratic, and Peace Forces—an urban front group established by the Viet-Cong—exhorted the South Vietnamese people to rise in open revolt against the Saigon government. Citizens were called on "to side with the ranks of the people and to give their arms and ammunition to the revolutionary armed forces." In the event, this cooperation largely failed to materialize.

Despite these advance warnings, when the North Vietnamese offensive began in the early morning hours of January 30–31, 1968, it was larger and more intense than U.S. intelligence had anticipated. In sudden attacks on urban areas throughout South Vietnam, North Vietnamese forces struck and briefly held portions of Saigon and 36 of the country's 44 provincial capitals. In Saigon, attackers penetrated both the presidential palace and the **compound** of the U.S. embassy. North Vietnamese units in **Cho Lon**, a historically Chinese district west of Saigon, were blasted out in prolonged fighting that demolished large portions of the area.



TET Offensive January 31, 1968

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Viet-Cong and North Vietnamese troops occupied the walled fortress of **Hue**, Vietnam's ancient capital, until they were finally driven out by U.S. and South Vietnamese forces on February 24. It was estimated that only 7,000 of Hue's 17,000 homes were left standing after the battle for the city.

The North Vietnamese and Viet-Cong paid dearly for their deviation from the **guerrilla warfare** strategy that had so frustrated U.S. commanders. Initial United States Information Agency estimates placed the number of communists dead at 60,000 (a figure that was subsequently revised down), with 24,000 weapons captured. Never before had the North Vietnamese and Viet-Cong suffered such **casualties**. Moreover, the South Vietnamese people rejected the North's call to rebellion.

U.S. and South Vietnamese casualties numbered 12,727, including more than 2,600 fatalities. Although U.S. commanders generally held a low opinion of the Army of the Republic of South Vietnam (ARVN), South Vietnamese soldiers fought with bravery and tenacity during the TET Offensive. This was especially true during the battle for Hue, where ARVN troops and **U.S. Marines** liberated the city after engaging in some of the fiercest close-quarters combat of the war.

The South Vietnamese government reported that 7,721 civilians were killed in the fighting during the offensive, while an additional 18,516 were wounded. Throughout the country, some 75,000 homes were damaged or destroyed. More than 670,000 people were declared refugees, raising the total number of internally displaced persons in South Vietnam to some 1.5 million.

U.S. and South Vietnamese officials declared that the communists had suffered a resounding military defeat, and this was certainly the case. Communist leadership in **Hanoi** had gambled on a conventional assault that they thought would sweep aside ARVN forces and topple the "puppet" government in Saigon. Instead, the North Vietnamese and Viet-Cong advance was checked by surprisingly **resilient** ARVN defenders, and most

cities—with the notable exception of Hue—were liberated within days of the initial attack. In addition, the widespread loss of life and destruction of property triggered a decline in support for the Viet-Cong among the South Vietnamese populace.

Execution of a suspected Viet-Cong officer



During the initial phase of the offensive, the U.S. death toll in Vietnam increased to more than 500 per week, and, as the casualty numbers rose, U.S. public support for the war effort declined. Much of the American public viewed the TET Offensive as a sign of the undying North Vietnamese aggression and will.

The **role of the U.S. media** in fostering and furthering this belief in North Vietnamese strength during that period has been a topic of study and argument, and the TET Offensive certainly produced some of the most enduring images of the war. **Associated Press** photographer **Eddie Adams** captured the summary execution of a suspected Viet-Cong officer by South Vietnamese Gen. Nguyen Ngoc Loan on the streets of Saigon, and his photo would bring the brutality of the war to the front page of newspapers around the world.

Whatever the **impetus**, the American public grew increasingly **vehement** in its opposition to the continued presence of U.S. soldiers in Vietnam, and the gulf between the inevitably politically driven administration and what the military saw as the most effective means of fighting the war became even larger.

In the wake of the TET Offensive, popular U.S. journalist Walter Cronkite said, "We are mired in a stalemate [and] the only rational way out, then, will be to negotiate, not as victors, but as an honorable people who lived up to their pledge to defend democracy and did the best they could."

TET OFFENSIVE 1968



The effect of the Viet-Cong's TET Offensive on American morale despite the attack's failure

On March 10, 1968, *The New York Times* ran a story under the headline “Westmoreland Requests 206,000 More Men, Stirring Debate in Administration.” This request galvanized the public and convinced them that, rather than a Vietnamization of the conflict, America’s involvement was increasing at the cost of American lives in the face of an unfaltering and seemingly unbeatable enemy.

William Westmoreland; Lyndon B. Johnson



The U.S. military, however, had grown more optimistic following the TET Offensive. They saw in the successful rebuke of their enemies’ attacks an undeniable weakening of communist forces and strength. By departing from classical guerrilla tactics and assaulting southern cities, the North Vietnamese had unwittingly pitted themselves against their opponents’ greatest strengths. American organizational,

material, and logistical superiority was quickly demonstrated in the early hours of the offensive, and the traditionally unreliable South Vietnamese infantry fought with surprising effectiveness. U.S. commander Gen. William C. Westmoreland viewed the post-TET situation as an opportunity for an American offensive that would further debilitate the enemy and deny any future resurgence. With the encouragement of Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Gen. Earle Wheeler, Westmoreland renewed an earlier request for more troops. His request was initially denied, however, as Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson did not desire any expansion of the ground war.



Protest against the Vietnam War

Increasingly vocal antagonism against any escalation of U.S. involvement in Vietnam put greater pressure on the Johnson administration and the U.S. Congress. In mid-March 1968, 139 members of the House of Representatives sponsored a resolution asking for congressional review of U.S. policy in Vietnam. Secretary of State Dean Rusk was called before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and questioned for 11 hours.

On March 22 Johnson approved only a small increase of troops. At the same time, he announced that Westmoreland would be recalled to the United States to become chief of staff of the army. Westmoreland was replaced by Gen. Creighton Abrams, who aggressively pursued the Vietnamization program and oversaw the reduction of the U.S. presence in Vietnam to fewer

Editor’s Opinion ~ I graduated from college in June 1968, so I saw how students protested the War in Vietnam. Going through airports in early 1969 on my way to Vietnam, I also saw how the War Protestors attacking the Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Air Force. Every protest I saw had some form of communication attacking the Military personnel fighting for our country. In my opinion, these protestors gave solace to the enemy that we would pull out because the populous of the US was tired of the war. *Nick McIntosh* USMC

The Washington DC Chapter 353, Military Order of the Purple Heart, was invited by the Military Women’s Memorial to participate in a very unique event, the hosting of acclaimed French artist Elo de la Ruë du Can at the Memorial on November 30th for the US launch of the international exhibition *Nos champs de bataille – Our Battlefields*, an art exhibition. This special event highlighted three of the Chapter 353 Patriots, recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

During the program at the Memorial, Madame de la Ruë du Can also painted portraits of other Purple Heart recipients as well as military medical personnel as they told their stories of service. As each of the participants spoke, the artist conducted a digital drawing of the individual that was projected on a large screen TV behind the interviewers for those in attendance to observe.

The initiative of Madame de la Ruë du Can, Our Battlefields began four years ago when she suffered a catastrophic back injury and was hospitalized at les Invalides Paris, an historic castle built in the center of Paris by Louis XIV as a tribute and symbol of gratitude for the nation’s veterans. During her rehabilitation, the artist befriended wounded French soldiers and pensioners who were living there. So taken with them, she was compelled to capture the setting, the resiliency of the veterans, and the humanity of the medical teams in paintings and portraits. Her work was so well received, she replicated the project at the Royal Hospital Chelsea in London where more than 300 veterans from the UK are treated and live. Now, she has traveled to the US to include America’s warriors in the project.

Plans are to bring these portraits, and others that will be added to the collection over the coming months, to the American public in the spring of 2023 in exhibitions in Washington, DC, and New York.

We salute the Memorial as they hosted the launch in cooperation with the French Embassy, American Battle Monuments Commission, and the American Society of le Souvenir Francais. [Info shared by Gordon Sumner, PhD, Col, USA, Rtd.; Past Chapter Commander, Chapter 353, MOPH].

Chapter 353 Patriots included Chapter Commander, Angelo Wider (Vietnam), our Senior Vice Commander, LTC Vivian Cochran, USA, and our Past Chapter Commander, Gordon Sumner, PhD, Col, USA, Rtd. Each of these Patriots were interviewed by Marilla J. Cushman, LTC, USA Ret., Senior Advisor to the President, Military Women’s Memorial about their military experiences and especially how these Patriots were awarded their Purple Heart medals.



Chapter 353, MOPH, expressed our sincere appreciation to be included as we were honored to be part of this great event with the Military Women’s Memorial, the gateway to America’s most hallowed ground, serve as the US launch site for this meaningful project honoring battlefield heroes, especially given the Memorial’s mission of telling the stories of service.

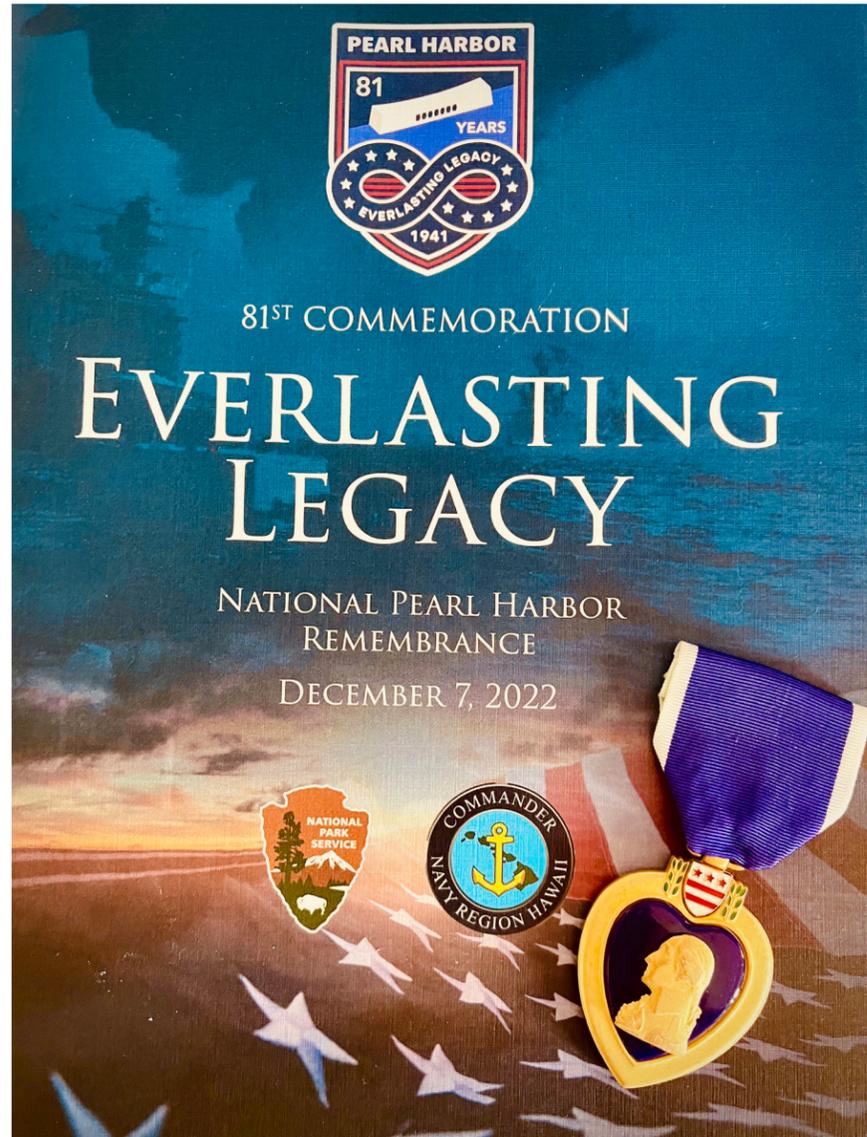


Event hosted by the Military Women's Memorial in DC as they welcomed renowned French artist, Madam Elo de la Rue De Can.

REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR

Early Wednesday morning on December 7, 2022, National Commander Christopher Vedvick led an official delegation that included MOPHA National Senior Vice President Barbara Hale-Ray, Members of the Department of Hawaii, and Pearl Harbor survivors Tommy Tanaka and Henry Lee to the 81st Annual, joint US Navy and National Park Service remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day. The official MOPH Delegation joined thousands of guests that included Veteran Service Organizations, service members and military families, Purple Heart recipients, and other distinguished guests at the Commemoration Ceremony. This was the first time the event was opened to the public since the pandemic.

That evening, Commander Vedvick joined Patriots from the Island of Oahu for another Pearl Harbor Day ceremony that began with an opening ceremony at Fort DeRussy Park. After the ceremony, The National Commander rode with the Patriots and Associate Members of Chapter 483 in a Purple Heart trolley during the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade which started at the Park and wound its way along Waikiki's main boulevard, Kalakaua Avenue, with hundreds of patriotic Americans out in force showing their unwavering support. Thank you to Patriot Barrett Taylor and Patriot Ed Cruickshank for their invaluable assistance and hospitality throughout the week.



Picture of the National Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony program. Many guests asked Pearl Harbor Day survivors to sign their programs.



MOPH National Commander Vedvick in front of the Purple Heart float.



Miss United States, Lily Donaldson, sitting next to Pearl Harbor survivors and MOPH Life Members Henry Lee and Tommy Tanaka.



MOPHA National Senior Vice President Hale-Ray and MOPH National Commander Vedvick were proud to represent the Order in recognizing the valorous efforts of Pearl Harbor survivors like Henry Lee and Tommy Tanaka.



Some of the original Rosie the Riveters were in attendance at the Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance ceremony as well.



The Purple Heart float was guided by local Young Marines during the parade on Oahu.



The National Commander received a lei and was a recipient of the History Maker Award on behalf of the MOPH.

A float of the USS Arizona was also guided by local Young Marines during the Pearl Harbor Day parade.

SACRED HEART STUDENTS TOUCHED MY HEART

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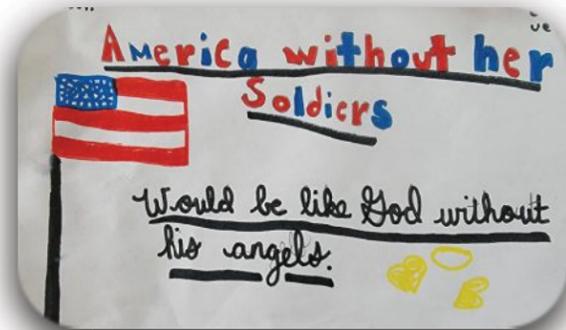


Veterans Day found me in Sacred Heart Church in Jeffersonville, Indiana, at a Mass honoring veterans. Brady Haynes, the great-nephew of my girlfriend, had invited me because there were no veterans in his family.

Pastor Father Adam's experiences as a US Army Soldier in Afghanistan profoundly influenced his homily. As a communication NCO, he operated with several combat units in the field. Therefore, he had the advantage of being both a soldier of God and an Army soldier.

St Martin of Tours is the Patron Saint of soldiers. His Feast Day is November 11th. At the age of fifteen, Martin was required to follow his father into the cavalry corps of the Roman military. By the time he was 18, Martin is believed to have served in Gaul and also eventually Milan and Treves. Scholars think he served as part of the emperor's guard.

Father Adam has been able to convey to the schoolchildren the sacrifices veterans have made to ensure their freedom. This attitude is in direct contradiction to what many children were exposed to in the late 1960s. An example of this positive influence is the excerpt at the right from a package of notes the school children gave to me.



There were frequent protests against the War in Vietnam. The media extensively covered the demonstrations, which resulted in protesters insulting and even throwing stuff at Military Personnel returning from Vietnam. This struck a chord with me because I was in Vietnam from February 1969 to February 1970.

Civilians did so much to Vietnam veterans that many Vietnam Veterans went out of their way to keep a low profile. As a National Service Officer of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, I heard many stories of protesters casting aspersions on our returning Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines. This mental abuse took its toll on the psyche of our returning troops.

During the first week of March of 1970, I went through airports in El Toro, CA, Los Angeles, Fresno, San Francisco, St. Louis, and Louisville, Kentucky.

I stuck out among all the other military personnel in every airport. There was no doubt in anyone's mind that I had been in Vietnam for a long time.

My only uniform was Summer Service Charlie (khaki short sleeves). Adding to that was the fact that I was gaunt looking after losing so much weight in the field and 2 1/2 months in the hospital in Guam. My deep tan was in contrast with almost all of the civilians in the airports. Protestors in three of the airports saw me and stared.

Twice in my life, I have been surrounded by groups that had animosity toward me. The first was as a Marine Company Commander in the Que Son Mountains near DaNang in I-Corps. The second was in San Francisco.

I came around a corner and saw a group of twenty or so protestors down the corridor. Having survived seven days in the Que Sons with NVA all around, I was not going to be intimidated by a group of cowardly peaceniks.

Having made frontal assaults, I knew to be aggressive and intimidating, so I backtracked around the corner and adjusted my shoulder gear.

Advancing on the protesters, I took a route that would put me directly in their midst. I may be a bit fool hardy at times, but not stupid. The only other people in the long corridor beside the protesters were uniformed military personnel.

I looked straight ahead with a thousand-yard stare as I closed on the group with no intention of stopping for anyone. The closer I got, the more uncomfortable they got.

About three steps before the confrontation, they parted like the Red Seas. Not one word or sound was uttered during my transition through the mob.

Thirty feet after leaving the mob, two privates (Army & Marine) stopped me. "Lieutenant, we like what you did but weren't you afraid?"

"First thing is they are cowards. The second reason is would you like to tangle with me even with your training and out numbering me?"

"No Sir, we are smarter than challenging someone carrying a NVA SKS rifle with the bayonet extended!"

Having experienced animism toward Vietnam Veterans, the drawing I got from a student at Sacred Heart School touched my heart. My best Veterans Day ever.

Semper Fi,

Chapter 146 Flag flies first in a ceremony at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, KY in a 'Wreaths Across America' 17 December 2022 Noon Program.

An Honor Detail presented the multiple organization colors comprised of KYANG Composite Squadron,



Civil Air Patrol KY Brigade, -Lee Corps-KY Brigade, SOC Collin T. Thomas Division, Sea Cadets.

Just before Hurricane Nicole stormed her way through, we received the most wonderful and generous donation from The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 717 Martin County. If you don't know about this organization, you should. Their mission is, "to foster an environment of good will and camaraderie among combat-wounded veterans, promote patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives, and most importantly, provide service to all veterans and their families." We already owed them a debt of gratitude for their service, and all of us at Southeast Florida Honor Flight continue to be awed and appreciative of their continued commitment to freedom and service. Please feel free to add your voice to our chorus, too.



TAPs Sounded by Matt Young, Bugles Across America at the Zachary Taylor Nation Cemetery December 17th event.



December 18, 2022, Department of Iowa Adjutant Paul Pickart and Auxiliary Unit 777 President Dixie Pickart (both not pictured) installed the Purple Heart Wreath at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery, Van Meter IA in the anticipated Wreaths Across America



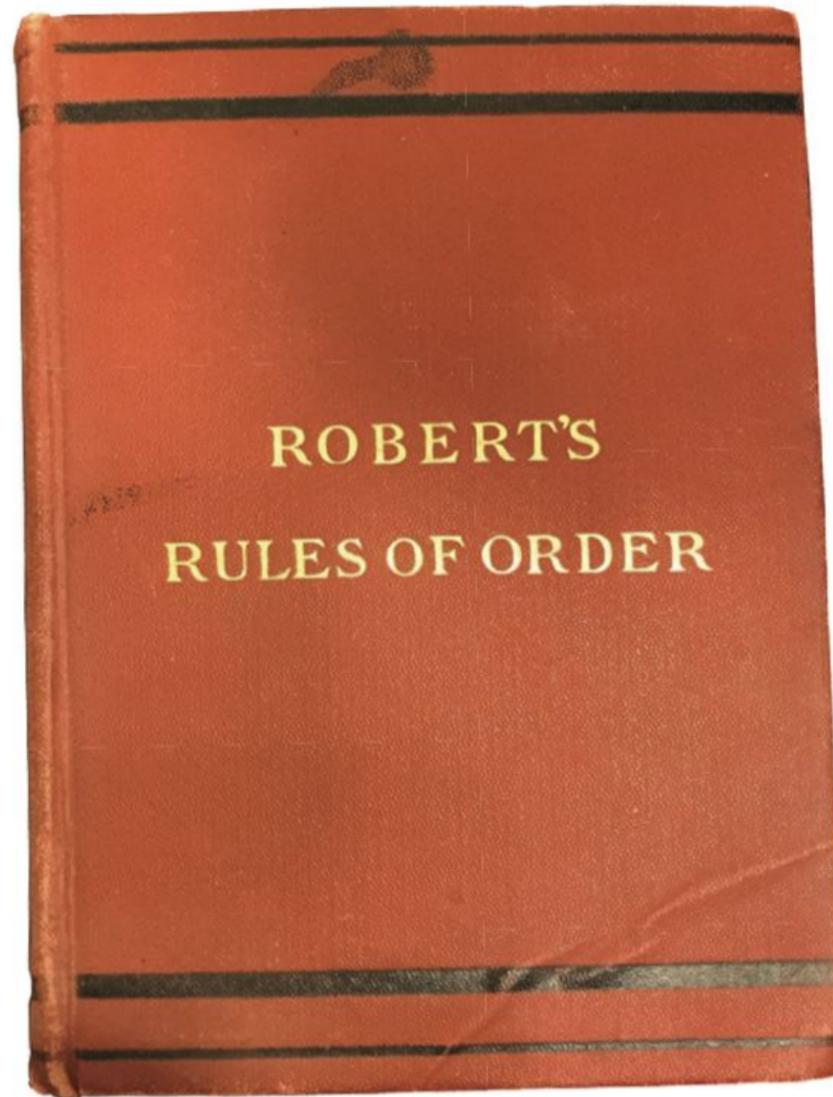
Randy and Sandy Meier holding the Christmas Gift Bags, they always Pay out of their own Pocket for the Pizza and Gifts at the Christmas Party at the VA Residential Home, Pleasant Hill, Iowa.

Robert and His Rules

Army officer created set of parliamentary procedures used by American Legion, other organizations.

BY DOUGLAS E. OSBORN

After presiding over a contentious public meeting at a church in New Bedford, Mass., Army engineering officer Henry Martyn Robert wrote his own manual on parliamentary procedure, now in its 12th edition.



Many organizations claim to use Robert's Rules of Order, but just as many either don't understand them or don't use them correctly. As a result, the world is filled with well-intentioned organizations where these rules are used improperly, irregularly or only partially. But where did these rules come from? Who invented Robert's Rules of Order? And what has their influence been over the past century?

The man behind the rules is Henry Martyn Robert. Born in South Carolina, Robert received his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point when he was 16. In 1857, he graduated fourth in his class and was commissioned as a second lieutenant assigned to the Corps of

Engineers. When the Civil War began, Robert remained loyal to the United States. He helped plan defenses around Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia Harbor, and was subsequently promoted to first lieutenant. Soon thereafter he was transferred to New Bedford, Mass.

Robert was elected chairman of a public meeting at the First Baptist Church in New Bedford. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss harbor defense, but discussion devolved into disorderly chaos. Embarrassed by his lack of knowledge about how to run a meeting, Robert used this experience to begin collecting information about parliamentary procedure on note cards that he carried for several years.

Transferred to San Francisco, he was asked to take a leadership role at the First Baptist Church of California, and soon learned that people from various parts of the country had many different ideas of how a meeting should be run.

Recognizing a need for a general reference tool, Robert began to seriously research and study parliamentary law – the basic rules of order that originated in England. He researched both the historical and current rules to develop a set procedure that could be used by modern-day meetings. His research resulted in a short reference guide in 1869, created for himself and his friends to facilitate church meetings.

Robert's research continued into the spring of 1874, and although it was ready to go to press he couldn't find a publisher for his work. It was at this point, at the suggestion of his wife – who felt the rules might be too complex – that he added two new sections. The first section dealt with practical matters such as the scheduling of meetings and preparation of agendas. The second addressed legal rights of assemblies and the correct procedures for regulating behavior at meetings.

Once the manuscript was completed in 1875, Robert paid to have 4,000 unbound copies of "Rules of Order" typeset and printed by Burdick & Armitage, printers in Milwaukee. In early 1876, again with his own money, he paid publisher S.C. Griggs & Co. in Chicago to manage the sale and distribution of the "Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies."

Officially published on Feb. 19, 1876, 1,000 copies of the first edition were given free to civic leaders, educators, church groups and parliamentarians across the United States. That act helped create a tremendous demand, and the remaining 3,000 copies were sold out by May.

At the end of Robert's military career, on April 30, 1901, President William McKinley



Henry Martyn Robert Wikimedia Commons

rewarded him for his 44 years of service, promoting him to the rank of brigadier general and appointing him chief of the Corps of Engineers. Just two days later, on his birthday of May 2, he retired from the Army at 64.

Robert spent the rest of his life writing new rules and revising old ones, answering questions on points of order and accepting suggestions that were incorporated into the later editions of his book.

In 1915, "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised," featuring new material and a new copyright, was published. "Parliamentary Practice: An Introduction to Parliamentary Law" was published in 1921.

On May 11, 1923, Henry Martyn Robert died at 86 in Hornell, N.Y. The Robert family was active as the owner of the rules up through the sixth edition in 1951. They established the Council of the Robert's Rules Association, which currently owns the copyrights and continues to maintain the rules.

A quick internet search reveals more than 1.5 million nonprofit organizations throughout the United States. Robert's Rules of Order has withstood the test of time and is generally specified in the bylaws of most of these nonprofit organizations nationally as well as worldwide. In 2003, when the Hussein regime was toppled, the Iraqi Parliament was provided a translation to guide their new democracy. Today, government bodies, city and town councils, planning boards, school committees and every one of the more than 12,000 American Legion posts continue to rely on Robert's Rules of Order as the foundation for effective meetings. 🇺🇸

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NJV Robert Olivarez Jr. and WA Dept Commander, Jennifer Horn, at the 7th Annual Fallen Heroes Tribute - JOINT-BASE LEWIS MCCHORD, WA.

Santa visits the annual 'Fallen Heroes Tribute' Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA (Top). WA State CDR Jennifer Horn with PH K-9 Arlo (Bottom)



After Two Years of Covid, Chapter 1979 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is again back to one of our Primary Missions, Visiting and Honoring Veterans in Nursing Homes!

The Sponsored Christmas Pizza and Gift Party was at the Veterans Administration Residential Home in Pleasant Hill, Iowa on a Thursday afternoon, this past December 8th.



Chapter 1979 Sergeant of Arms Bill Campbell (l) and Finance Officer Tony Polich (2nd on left) with VA Residential stall at Pleasant Hill, Iowa facility.

Thirty one (31) VA Residential residents enjoy the pizza and gift party at the Pleasant Hill, Iowa facility.



Acknowledging that the photo and information was provided by Patriot Dave Bayless, 2-Yr Trustee, Chapter 1979

Patriots Mike Hall (L), Dept. CDR Jerry Thompson (C), and Robert Hodge at the 'Light To Unite' Veterans Day, Paducah, Kentucky.



Paducah Marine Corps League Honor Guard Presenting the Colors at the Veterans Day 'Light to Unite' ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Monument, McCracken County, KY.

In coordination with the National Flag Foundation, on November 11th, 2022, the 240th anniversary of the establishment of the Purple Heart will be observed in cities across the United States. The Marine Corps League supported and encouraged its Detachments to participate in the 240th anniversary observances. This support included providing color guards in various cities.

Darrel E. Tharp, Paducah Marine Corps League detachment, worked with local civic leaders and MOPH Ch. 585 to complete their Nat'l MCL Convention's Resolution.

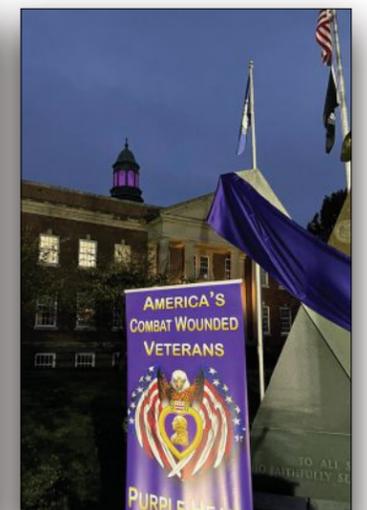
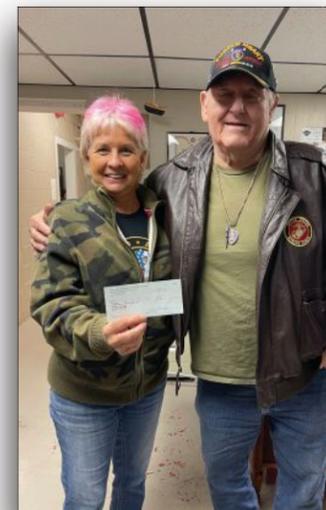


MOPH Chapter 585, Paducah, KY participated in the Light-To-Unite joint Veterans Day Ceremony. Picture above County Judge, Craig Claimer (2d from left) prior to the 11 NOV 2022 early dawn program.

The National Flag Foundation and the **Military Order of the Purple Heart** along with the Marine Corps League, had partnered for the National "Light To Unite" November 11th, 2022.



Ky Dept. CDR Thompson donates Relief Funds to be distributed jointly with DAV Ch.CDR Jada Williams (L). McCracken County Court House tower is lit in a glowing purple to start the dawn ceremony. (R)



**Chapter 817 Donation
Shaw AFB Enlisted
Personell**

Sumter, SC Chapter 817 recently donated \$2,000 in Walmart gift cards to the Shaw AFB Diamond Council.

The First Sergeants on the Diamond Council will further distribute the cards to lower grade airmen and soldiers assigned to Shaw AFB.



Purple Heart Chapter 817 Cmdr Harry Thompson and to his left, Chapter 817 Treasurer MSgt Brittany Lawson, as she presents the Walmart Gift Cards to the Council.

**Marion County, OR
Purple Heart County.**

(L) County Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, Colm Willis, and Oregon Oregon Cmdr. Keith Wittnebel.



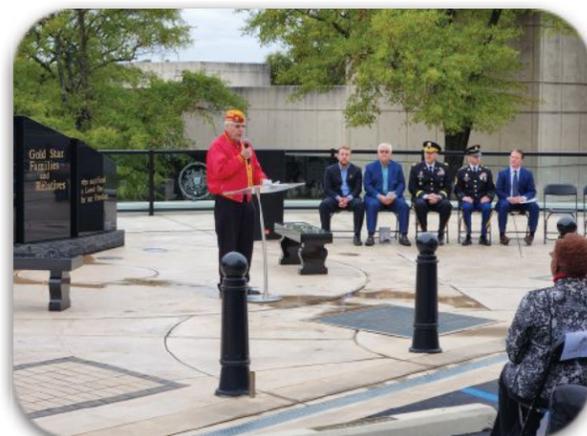
**Patriot Ron Crowley,
Department of Louisiana
Commander,**

Meets with COL(r) Joey Strickland, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, at the 11 November 2022 dedication of the George Washington monument, with a MOPH Department of Louisiana plaque, at the State Veterans Park in Baton Rouge, LA.



**Patriot Paul Garrett,
Chapter 431,**

Keynote Speaker at Gold Star Family Memorial Service 11 November 2022. Paul, as a member of the Marine Corps League, was instrumental in the planning, execution and completion of the Gold Star Memorial at the Arkansas State Capitol.



**Patriots Cruz, Bill Crumlett Past commander
and Department Adjutant and Tony Quesada
as guests of Dr. Loston who celebrated her
birthday on Veterans Day.**



**Fishing trip hosted by the Purple Heart
Challenge at Port O'Conner, TX with seven
members of our Chapter 1836 Ed Stitler,
Anna King, Luis Reyna, Joe Alvarez, Manny
Soto, Lorenzo Rodriguez and Tony Roman.**



Anna King, Tony Roman and Luis Reyna at the Victoria, TX Veterans Day parade (L), Patriots Manny Soto and Tony Quesada at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery ceremony (R).



Members of Chapter 1836 in San Antonio (The Alamo Chapter) participated in different events in celebration or commemoration of Veterans Day. The events include a Veterans Day parade in Victoria, Texas, Fishing in Port O'Conner, the Veterans Day ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, unveiling a Purple Heart parking sign at the Saint Phillips College (Purple Heart College as guests of Doctor Athena Loston the college president who celebrated a birthday as well and visited the Floresville, TX VA retirement facility). Residents were treated with lunch by benefactor & friend Michael Lynd, owner of the Grunt Museum in San Antonio, TX. Lynd was presented a portrait of him as infantry company commander in Vietnam and created by our chapter member Mr. Roberto Sifuentes.





Patriots of Ch.460, AK present Violas that support Ozarks Veterans Healthcare System.

Patriot Quinton Ezeagwula, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Arkansas, was named the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System's HUDVASH Peer of the Year for 2022 due to his outstanding performance at the Veterans Day Treatment Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. as a Peer Specialist, Patriot Ezeagwula works to place Homeless Veterans in both temporary and permanent housing



Patriot John Footman, Chief of Staff, Region V, named Fort Hood Retiree of the Year for his volunteer service, pictured with Ft. Hood Texas Command Sergeant Major Hall.



Patriots Jerry Wilkinson and Wayne Irelan, Ch.587 prep 1966GMC & trailer.



Arkansas St. Capitol Building, Light the Night (L to R): Dr. Stephen Bravard, Bill Scrimager, Quinton Ezeagwula, Chuck Adkins, Ted Clymer, & Paul Garrett.

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The new year represents many things to people, but usually, it's a look forward to what can happen. Sometimes, it takes a step back to appreciate what lies ahead.

Looking back through my pictures, files, messages, emails, etc, I have seen many projects completed by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary Units and Departments in 2022. I am so excited to see what 2023 brings to help our Patriots, Veterans, and the Auxiliary since we have accomplished amazing projects in the past year. The last couple of years have been a trying time for our organization, but we have learned to persevere and keep marching forward. Keep up the excellent work.

Have you ever looked at a dollar bill closely? Of course, George Washington is on the bill, but as you look at his face, there is a circle to the left with a capital letter. I would like you to start collecting all dollar bills with the letter "A ."Why "A"?"

Well, it reminds us of the Auxiliary, and the

Auxiliary is where the monies will be sent to our National Treasurer to be put in our bank account for Ways and Means.

Now, don't send those single dollar bills to Tracy Derr, but save them, and when you feel

you have saved the amount you would like to give the Auxiliary, write a check to send it to the National Treasurer. We don't want her to be too overwhelmed with dollar bills or for the Government to have a "shortage" of dollar bills!

Keep a total of what you find and send a check to the

National Treasurer. Another

option is to bring a check to the Convention to add to our coffers. The A refers to which Federal Reserve Bank issued the bill. Boston is the bank that issued the A, so the East Coast will be a great place to find them, but it will be interesting to see how far they have traveled.

Happy New Year ♥

Fran Holtgreven





Application for Life Membership Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary



AUXILIARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP Eligibility is based on relationship to Purple Heart Recipient and is granted to a parent, grandparent, spouse, widow, widower, sibling, child, or grandchild of persons who have been awarded the Purple Heart by the Armed Services of the United States, and to those who served in the Armed Forces and have received the Purple Heart decoration in their own name. Life Membership is subject to conditions set forth in Article I of the MOPHA Bylaws.

ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP is available based on relationship to Auxiliary member and is granted to a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, or spouse of a member in the Auxiliary. Associate Membership is subject to conditions set forth in Article XVIII of the MOPHA Bylaws.

Evidence of Purple Heart recipient's award and relationship to applicant must be verified.

Dues Schedule: Life Membership—\$50.00 Associate Life Membership—\$50.00

Dues submitted with Application for Membership are NON-REFUNDABLE

LIFE MEMBER APPLICATION (revised July 2020) Based On Relationship to Purple Heart Recipient

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Email _____ Unit Requested _____
 I am the _____ of _____
 Name of Purple Heart Recipient
 He/she is a member of MOPH Chapter _____ Life Member Number _____
 He/she is not a member of MOPH. Attached is the DD214 for certification of Purple Heart award.
 Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor: _____ Sponsor Unit # _____
 Auxiliary member name & ID number signing you up
Membership eligibility must be certified by Chapter or Department MOPH Officer or DD214.
 I certify that the MOPH Member & ID Number is known to me & the Applicant is eligible for membership in MOPHA.
 Certified by _____ MOPH Officer Position _____ Chapter # _____

INTERNAL USE ONLY:

Date Rec'd _____ Member Type _____ Member # _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER APPLICATION (revised July 2020) Based On Relationship to Auxiliary Member

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Email _____ Unit Requested _____
 I am the _____ of _____
 Name of Auxiliary Member Life Member Number _____
 Who is the _____ of _____
 Name of Purple Heart Recipient
 Auxiliary member Relation to Recipient _____ Date _____
 Applicant Signature _____ Sponsor Unit # _____

Sponsor: _____ Sponsor Unit # _____
 Auxiliary Member & ID number signing you up
Membership eligibility must be certified by Chapter or Department MOPH Officer or DD214.
 I certify that the MOPHA Member & ID Number is known to me & the Applicant is eligible for membership in MOPHA.
 Certified by _____ MOPH Officer Position _____ Chapter # _____

INTERNAL USE ONLY:

Date Rec'd _____ Member Type _____ Member # _____

Complete appropriate application and send with payment to:

Cheryl Perez . PO Box 120085 . Chula Vista, CA . 91912 / Email: Members.MOPHA@gmail.com



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Application for Life Membership Military Order of the Purple Heart

Purple Heart Recipient Eligibility: Any person of good moral character who is serving in or has served in one of the Armed Forces of the United States, or any foreign country, who can show proof of the award of the Purple Heart for wounds.

Evidence of the award of the Purple Heart must be submitted with the application. Certificate alone does not constitute proof of award. If discharged, discharge document such as a DD-214 must be provided reflecting character of service as honorable or general.

For active duty, provide PCS orders, Purple Heart Orders and Purple Heart Certificate.

There is no posthumous membership.

All applications are subject to verification with the National Personnel Records Center and/or Service.

Associate Member For a parent, spouse, sibling, lineal or adopted descendant (child, grandchild or great-grandchild) of either a living or deceased Purple Heart recipient, evidence of the award of the Purple Heart and the relationship must be submitted with the application.

If the Purple Heart recipient is living, the recipient must be a member in-good-standing of the MOPH and he/she must sign to acknowledge the relationship and consent for membership.

Dues Schedule

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Life Membership \$200.00
Associate Life Membership \$200.00

Fees may be paid in four equal payments of \$50. The first \$50 must be submitted with this application and the remaining \$150 within one year when using this option. If you want to use this option, initial here _____.

Fees submitted with Application for Membership are NON-REFUNDABLE.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Member# _____ Chapter# _____

Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(H) _____ (Work/Cell) _____ FAX _____ Email _____

Recruited by (Print Name) _____ Relationship _____

Next of Kin (Print Name) _____

Check one Life Member Associate Life Member

Credit Card VISA Mastercard Discover American Express CVV #(required) _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____
(required even if not paying by credit card) *Typing my name above will constitute as my signature*

All applicants must complete the appropriate section below and send with payment to: MOPH National Headquarters 5413-B Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22151 www.purpleheart.org membership@purpleheart.org 888.668.1656

Purple Heart Recipient MOPH Bylaws require that a copy of the document that supports the award of the Purple Heart medal must accompany each application. A copy of documentation submitted will be retained on file for future reference. Evidence of the award of the Purple Heart must be submitted with the application. Certificate alone does not constitute proof of award. If discharged, discharge document such as a DD-214 must be provided reflecting character of service as honorable or general. For active duty, provide PCS orders, Purple Heart Orders and Purple Heart Certificate. There is no posthumous membership. All applications are subject to verification with the National Personnel Records Center and/or Service.

DD-214 DD-215 (supported by DD-214) Orders plus PH Certificate WD AGO 53-55

Service Army Navy Air Force Marines Coast Guard

War Wounded WW2 Korea Vietnam OEF OIF OND Other _____

Date entered service _____ Active Duty (Provide PCS orders) Date Departed Service/Discharged _____

Date wounded _____ Location of Engagement _____

Commissioning source: _____ Have you been convicted of a Felony? Yes No

Associate Member Documentation of relationship and proof of Purple Heart award required.

Name of Purple Heart Recipient _____

Member# & Signature _____ Chapter# _____

I acknowledge the relationship and consent for associate membership (if applicable)

Purple Heart documentation DD-214 DD-215 Orders plus PH Certificate WD AGO 53-55

Relationship of Applicant to PH Recipient Parent Spouse Sibling Child Grandchild Great-Grandchild

Relationship documents Birth Certificate Adoption Papers Marriage Certificate Casualty Report

The National Adjutant will make the final determination on eligibility. Altered documents constitute automatic denial of membership. Payment for dues is not deductible as a charitable contribution according to the Internal Revenue Code. Dues include subscription to the Purple Heart Magazine.

All information and requirements are subject to change without notice.

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