

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART



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**WELCOME
PATRIOTS
AND
GUESTS**





Veteran Statistics



23.1 million total in 2009

1.8 M Female Veterans

9.3 M Aged 65 +

5 States >1 Million

2.1 M in California

1.75 M in Florida

1.7 M in Texas

1 M in New York

1M in Pennsylvania

8 M Enrolled with VA

3.10 M Receive Compensation



Veteran Statistics



VA currently operates the largest integrated health care system in the country.

VA's budget is >\$114 billion in 2010.

153 hospitals, 783 community-based clinics,

Health care to about 5.8 million veterans:

- 600,000 hospitalizations
- Over 62 million outpatient visits.



Where They Served



WW I (1917-1918) – Fewer than 10

WW II (1941-1945) – 2.27 M

Korea (1950-1953) – 2.97 M

Vietnam (1964-1975) – 7.23 M

1st Gulf (1990-1991) – 2.27 M

OIF-OEF (2001-Present) – 588,923

Peacetime – 6.1 M



Purple Heart Recipients



War I:	250,000 ¹
War II:	964,409
Korea:	136,936
Vietnam:	200,676
Persian Gulf:	590
Afghanistan:	3,495 *
Iraq:	34,808 *
Total Estimated:	1.7 M ¹

NOTE¹: Estimates only. Battlefield awards and incomplete records; 1974 fire in St. Louis repository.

*Data as of 6/20/2009



Who We Are



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 shed their blood 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 41,000 Total Members

6 Regions

47 Departments* (States)

470 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

Fraternal



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



Historical



Our aim is to keep alive the memory and achievements of our Country and its founders.



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.



Objects of our Order



Patriotism



Fraternal



Historical





Educational



Educational



-  The Educational Objects of our Order are based on loyalty to our Country and reverence to God.
-  We advocate the teaching and influencing of our youth and new citizens in a loyal appreciation of the heritage of American Citizenship with its responsibilities, as well as its rights and privileges.



Service to the Community



VA Volunteer Services



Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS)



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 Facilities to assist Veterans. We have representation at more than 100 VA Medical Facilities.
-  In 2009, the Order donated more than 96 thousand hours to the VA (The Ladies Auxiliary donated an additional 18 thousand hours).
-  In 2009, our patriots' and junior volunteers' time and effort amounted to the equivalent of over 50 full time DVA employees.
-  In 2009, we continued a VAVS Scholarship Program for youth volunteers working with MOPH Chapters and Departments, and a Patriot Volunteer of the Year Program.



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VA Volunteer Services






MOPH Service Programs



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 veterans' benefits experts at various Veterans Administration regional offices, hospitals, vet centers, and state and county veterans' facilities.



Purple Heart Service Program







-  The MOPH Service 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 \$11.7 million, of which \$8 million goes to support the Service Program.
-  This program operates a nation-wide network of more than 94 offices, staffed by 155 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.
-  In 2009, MOPH Service Officers assisted over 32,000 Veterans with more than 8,800 VA claims and recovered over \$208 million in benefits for Veterans and their dependents, processed over 450 appeals, appeared at over 170 hearings, and made over 3,500 outreach visits to Vet Centers and Hospitals
-  MOPH Serves on President's Committee for employment of people with disabilities.
-  MOPH assists in identifying and helping homeless veterans.



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.

Successful representations protect all veterans.



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 2009, there were more than 3,500 outreach visits by NSOs to Vet Centers, Hospitals, Military Bases, and other veteran gatherings.



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 2009, 83 Applicants received \$3,000 each.



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 2009, 3,000 High School, College, University, and Trade School students received Medals and Certificates for their ROTC & JROTC programs.



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 45 states across America, including a portion of the trail in Guam.



First Responders Program



The purpose of the First Responders Program is to

Pay respect to Law Enforcement Officers
and Fire Fighters

who are killed or wounded in the line of duty.

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.



Support and maintenance of liaison services in any or all offices of the DVA, soldier's homes or other administration of veteran's affairs wherever and whenever deemed necessary.



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.



Other Service Foundation Programs



- Veteran Job Placement and Training
- PTSD Resource Guide for Veteran Counselors
- The Gold Star Mothers of America
- Operation Holiday for hospitalized veterans
- The Veterans Administration Voluntary Service in its hospitals and nursing homes.
- The United Services Organization (USO)
- The U.S. Army Historical Foundation
- The Veterans Wheelchair Games
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Wounded Warrior Outdoor Activities



MOPH NEEDS YOU !



Requirements for membership



\$50 Lifetime Membership



Regular vs. Associate



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

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LADIES AUXILIARY



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.



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