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## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

**JAMES M. SIMS**  
COMMANDER

**CLAYTON JONES**  
SR. VICE COMMANDER

**WILLIAM R. HUTTON**  
JR. VICE COMMANDER

**JOHN P. LEONARD**  
ADJUTANT

**FRANK VAN HOY**  
NATIONAL SERVICE  
DIRECTOR

### JAMES M. SIMS, NATIONAL COMMANDER



National Commander **Jim Sims** has served as the Washington Department Commander, Region III Commander, National Junior Vice Commander, and National Senior Vice Commander. Sims served as a US Marine for more than 26 years, retiring in 1988 as a Colonel. Assignments included Company Commander in Vietnam, Commanding Officer of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, Aide to the White House Chief of Staff, Secretary of the General Staff at Marine Corps Headquarters, and Chief of Political Military Analysis for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. After retirement, Sims was Director of the Washington State Pollution Liability Insurance Agency for 12 years and, most recently retired from Time Oil Company in Seattle. He served for three terms as an elected Supervisor of the Mason County Conservation District. Sims and his wife Ginny live in Shelton, Washington.

### CLAYTON JONES, NATIONAL SENIOR VICE COMMANDER



National Senior Vice Commander **Clayton Jones** has served as a Chapter Commander, Commander of the Department of Missouri, Commander of Region II, and as National Junior Vice Commander.. He has also served as Chairman of the National Finance Committee. Clayton is a native of Illinois, but lived the majority of his life in Oklahoma and Missouri. Patriot Jones entered the U.S. Army in 1961. He served proudly with the 1st Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam from 1965 thru 1967 where he received the Purple Heart as a result of shrapnel wounds. After leaving the service, Jones was a Senior Manager with Greyhound Bus Corp. before retiring to establish and operate his own successful insurance agency in Nixa, Missouri. He recently retired after almost 20 years in business and now dedicates all of his efforts towards service to his fellow Veterans. Jones and his wife Sharon live in Nixa, Missouri.

### WILLIAM R. HUTTON, NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER



National Junior Vice Commander **Bill Hutton** has been a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart since 1997 and has served previously as a Chapter Commander, Department of California Commander, Department Service Officer, and Region VI Commander. Bill served in the United States Marine Corps from 1965-1969 and was assigned to the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Third Marine Division during his tour of duty in Vietnam (1966), where he was wounded three times and was awarded the Silver Star and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry for his heroism. Bill was honorably discharged in 1969, and joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, where he served for over thirty five years. In 1993, Bill was awarded the Medal for Bravery and the Distinguished Service Award for saving the life of a fellow deputy. Bill and his wife Sue now live in Thousand Oaks, California, and have two grown sons.

### JACK LEONARD, NATIONAL ADJUTANT



National Adjutant **John "Jack" Leonard** joined MOPH in 2004 and served previously in MOPH HQ as HR Manager, and National Service Director (NSD). Patriot Leonard is a native of McLean, Virginia, first entering military service in 1963. He is a graduate of LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA and holds a Masters in International Business Administration (MBA) from National University, San Diego, CA. Severely wounded in August 1969 near Hill 55/Phung Loc 6 in Northern I Corps, RVN, Patriot Leonard completed active military service in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1990 as Head, Logistics Plans and Operations (LPO-1), HQMC in Washington, DC. In addition to the Purple Heart, he holds the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal. Jack and his wife, Sheila, proud parents of two grown children, presently reside in Fairfax, VA.

### FRANK VAN HOY, NATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR



National Service Director **Frank Van Hoy** is a native of Goldsboro, NC. He is a graduate of Troy University, Alabama, with a BS in Social Sciences. Patriot Van Hoy enlisted in the US Army in 1966 and retired from active military service in 1986 as a Major. Patriot Van Hoy served two tours in Vietnam, first with the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group in 1968 and again with the 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade in 1970. He was wounded during both tours, for which he received two Purple Hearts. Prior to retirement from military service, Van Hoy was the Curriculum Development Officer at the Defense Intelligence College, Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington D.C. Patriot Van Hoy joined the National Staff of the MOPH in 2007 and is responsible for all aspects of the National Service Program. He and his wife Cindy have three grown children and presently reside in Owings, MD.

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