



THE PURPLE HEARTBEAT
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS' NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM TRAINING

The National Service Program conducted a Basic Training Seminar for 18 National Service Officers (NSO) and 11 Administrative Assistants (AA) on September 22-24, 2009 in Charlotte, North Carolina.



The training included: details on the MOPH and its relationship with the VA; NSO/AA duties, responsibilities and administrative policies and procedures; VA policy and procedures; MOPH's Virtual Case Management System, veterans claims intake techniques and VA forms; claim development and processing, including how to determine effective dates for veterans' claims; research tools; compensation and rating process; reviewing VA decisions, pension claims, VBA appeals process; and outreach programs.

The training sessions were conducted by the Program's experienced cadre of Regional Field Supervisors and senior service program managers. Both Frank Van

Hoy, Service Director and Jim Richards, Assistant Service Director, were present for the training and MOPH National Commander Jim Sims attended portions of the seminars and addressed the trainees.

In addition to the Basic, Annual and On-the-Job training classes, all NSOs/AAs are required to attend training offered by the VA at Regional Offices and Medical Centers across the country. All of this training significantly contributes to MOPH maintaining its accreditation to the VA's Office of the General Counsel.



THIS NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED EVERY MONTH EXCEPT AUGUST. ALL ADJUTANTS AND COMMANDERS RECEIVE A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER. ADJUTANTS RECEIVE THE SPECIFIC CHAPTER/DEPARTMENT INFORMATION.

ALSO ENCLOSED:

- CHAPTERS: Sept. 2009 Roster of Monthly Changes; Full Roster; AM Delinquent Report (if any)
DEPARTMENTS: Sept. 2009 Membership Status Report, Chapters Roster of Monthly Changes; Full Roster; AM Delinquent Report (if any)

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WWI VETS NEAR EXTINCTION



Harry Patch, the last British Army veteran of trench warfare in France during WWI, died July 25, 2009. Patch was 111. British-born Claude Choules, who is 108, lives in Australia, served in the Royal Navy in WWI and is the only other known survivor. The only surviving Doughboy in America is Frank W. Buckles, 108 of Charles Town, W.Va. (VFW Magazine, Oct 2009)

NATIONAL ADJUTANT'S CALL . . .

Check with your Region Commanders—All Departments, Chapters and Units should now have basic “Bonding Insurance” data. Details forthcoming!

Beware—Increased thefts of email addresses have been reported—Results: “Phishing.” Lesson learned —Protect/change your **PASSWORD!**

National Adjutant and Headquarters' Accounting Manager, Ms. Joyce Woo, are daily working with the LAMOPH Leadership to streamline accounting and reimbursement processes in accordance with the new LAMOPH Constitution and Bylaws.

November 2009 is shaping up to be a very busy month. Department and Chapter plans to observe Veterans Day should be well underway—Get into the public eye with as many properly outfitted members as possible!

COMING DOWN THE ROAD >>> The MOPH web site (www.purpleheart.org) will, in the very near future, contain a letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) specifically confirming the tax exempt status of MOPH under IRC 170 (c) (3), providing the important IRS determination that MOPH (even as a 501 (c) 19 VSO) **IS PERMITTED TO ACCEPT DONATIONS AND CAN RAISE FUNDS!** MOPH is also preparing a Formal Receipt Letter that Chapters/Units and Departments can download from the MOPH web site and use in acknowledging any future contributions.



DISABLED MILITARY VETERANS TO HAVE MEMORIAL OF THEIR OWN

Lois B. Pope, a noted Florida-based philanthropist, is co-founder and chairman of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial Foundation. The Foundation, she noted, has raised 90 percent of the money needed to build the \$65 million marble and glass memorial authorized by an Act of Congress. It will be located on two acres of land adjacent to the National Mall within view of the US Capitol. Pope said ground-breaking is imminent with completion planned in 2010. Unlike other war and veteran memorials, this one will be dedicated to both living (over three million) and deceased disabled veterans. Its focal point will be a star-shaped reflecting pool with its surface broken only by a single eternal flame. A grove of trees will stand sentry beside the pool, symbolizing the persistence of hope.

Wealthy businessmen have contributed to the memorial's construction, including H. Ross Perot who pledged \$3 million.

Actor Gary Sinise has agreed to serve as national spokesman for the project and Congress directed the US Mint to issue a commemorative \$1 silver coin supporting the Memorial beginning January 1st, 2010, with the design as shown.

The obverse (head side) shows an image of the legs and boots of three disabled veterans. A pair of crutches is visible along with the inscriptions: **“THEY STOOD UP FOR US,” “IN GOD WE TRUST,” “2010,”** and **‘LIBERTY.’** Inside the wreath on the back is the inscription: **“TAKE THIS MOMENT TO HONOR OUR DISABLED DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM.”**

DEPARTMENTS & CHAPTERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE REBATE CHECKS

Thank you for filing the Verification Reports . The checks will be mailed with the November 2009 Newsletter.

Reg 1 Depts: CT, DE, MA, MD, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA

Reg 2 Depts: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI, WV

Reg 3 Depts: AK, ID, OR, WY

Reg 4 Depts: AL, FL, MS, PR, SC, TN

Reg 5 Depts: AR, CO, KS, LA, NM, OK, TX

Reg 6 Depts: AZ, CA, GU, HI

Rg	Dpt	Chp	Rg	Dpt	Chp	Rg	Dpt	Chp	Rg	Dpt	Chp	Rg	Dpt	Chp	Rg	Dpt	Chp	Rg	Dpt	Chp			
1	CT	1	1	PA	14	2	KY	769	2	OH	625	4	FL	87	4	SC	402	5	NM	2484	6	CA	385
1	CT	51	1	PA	34	2	KY	2021	2	OH	643	4	FL	316	4	SC	530	5	OK	563	6	CA	392
1	CT	103	1	PA	63	2	MI	18	2	OH	671	4	FL	453	4	SC	748	5	OK	568	6	CA	493
1	CT	196	1	PA	170	2	MI	35	2	OH	718	4	FL	466	4	SC	845	5	OK	589	6	CA	549
1	CT	552	1	PA	190	2	MI	37	2	OH	743	4	FL	475	4	SC	932	5	OK	602	6	CA	604
1	DE	1728	1	PA	197	2	MI	41	2	OH	765	4	FL	494	4	SC	1670	5	OK	641	6	CA	729
1	DE	1787	1	PA	390	2	MI	88	2	OH	1974	4	FL	524	4	SC	1781	5	TX	393	6	CA	750
1	DE	1999	1	PA	455	2	MI	90	2	OH	1981	4	FL	535	4	SC	1890	5	TX	542	6	CA	752
1	DE	9377	1	PA	519	2	MI	91	2	OH	3620	4	FL	566	4	SC	1948	5	TX	553	6	CA	1850
1	MA	205	1	PA	529	2	MI	110	2	WI	96	4	FL	601	4	SC	2005	5	TX	612	6	CA	1898
1	MA	240	1	PA	546	2	MI	127	2	WI	152	4	FL	674	4	SC	2008	5	TX	723	6	CA	2001
1	MD	122	1	PA	654	2	MI	180	2	WI	162	4	FL	696	4	TN	244	5	TX	740	6	CA	2929
1	MD	561	1	PA	655	2	MI	459	2	WI	164	4	FL	705	4	TN	457	5	TX	744	6	GU	787
1	MD	570	1	PA	656	2	MI	514	2	WI	165	4	FL	717	4	TN	484	5	TX	766	6	GU	1315
1	MD	577	1	PA	992	2	MI	609	2	WI	168	4	FL	758	4	TN	1945	5	TX	768	6	GU	2007
1	MD	2222	1	PA	1777	2	MI	789	2	WI	228	4	FL	759	5	AR	431	5	TX	782	6	HI	483
1	NJ	10	1	PA	1983	2	MI	1818	2	WI	437	4	FL	772	5	AR	436	5	TX	911	6	HI	489
1	NJ	26	1	RI	1812	2	MI	1879	2	WI	521	4	FL	776	5	AR	460	5	TX	1836	6	HI	731
1	NJ	27	1	VA	136	2	MI	1970	2	WI	550	4	FL	794	5	AR	467	5	TX	1849	6	NV	719
1	NJ	28	1	VA	353	2	MI	1976	2	WI	770	4	FL	795	5	AR	581	5	TX	1867	6	NV	730
1	NJ	33	1	VA	510	2	MI	1985	2	WV	579	4	FL	808	5	AR	587	5	TX	1876	6	UT	802
1	NJ	36	1	VA	607	2	MI	1986	2	WV	646	4	FL	1963	5	AR	633	5	TX	1919			
1	NJ	116	1	VA	1607	2	MI	1988	2	WV	697	4	GA	425	5	AR	678	5	TX	1935			
1	NJ	155	1	VA	1732	2	MN	5	2	WV	698	4	GA	492	5	AR	708	5	TX	1937			
1	NJ	181	1	VA	1754	2	MN	8	2	WV	709	4	GA	525	5	AR	783	5	TX	1952			
1	NJ	202	1	VA	1775	2	MN	194	2	WV	710	4	GA	531	5	CO	375	5	TX	1991			
1	NJ	246	2	IA	462	2	MN	268	2	WV	724	4	GA	576	5	CO	423	5	TX	3077			
1	NJ	336	2	IA	777	2	MN	308	3	AK	593	4	GA	596	5	CO	434	5	TX	4077			
1	NJ	366	2	IA	861	2	MN	745	3	AK	663	4	MS	652	5	KS	558	5	TX	5077			
1	NJ	522	2	IA	1979	2	MN	807	3	AK	675	4	MS	676	5	KS	648	6	AZ	422			
1	NJ	527	2	IL	138	2	MN	987	3	AK	830	4	MS	677	5	KS	684	6	AZ	433			
1	NJ	700	2	IL	142	2	MN	1977	3	ID	509	4	MS	680	5	KS	688	6	AZ	442			
1	NJ	701	2	IL	144	2	MO	115	3	MT	309	4	MS	682	5	KS	738	6	AZ	572			
1	NJ	702	2	IL	159	2	MO	125	3	OR	72	4	MS	690	5	KS	780	6	AZ	608			
1	NN	4570	2	IL	175	2	MO	621	3	OR	147	4	MS	801	5	LA	177	6	AZ	691			
1	NY	3	2	IL	575	2	MO	784	3	OR	305	4	MS	803	5	LA	331	6	AZ	790			
1	NY	21	2	IN	578	2	NE	200	3	OR	1942	4	MS	806	5	LA	351	6	AZ	792			
1	NY	118	2	IN	692	2	NE	260	3	WA	407	4	NC	634	5	LA	504	6	AZ	793			
1	NY	130	2	IN	693	2	NE	632	3	WA	470	4	NC	636	5	LA	727	6	AZ	1958			
1	NY	179	2	IN	720	2	NE	681	3	WA	1993	4	NC	638	5	LA	741	6	CA	2			
1	NY	187	2	IN	721	2	OH	31	3	WY	707	4	NC	639	5	LA	1955	6	CA	15			
1	NY	406	2	IN	1916	2	OH	148	3	WY	800	4	NC	642	5	LA	1994	6	CA	49			
1	NY	417	2	IN	1922	2	OH	156	3	WY	5354	4	NC	844	5	LA	1996	6	CA	83			
1	NY	490	2	KY	146	2	OH	473	4	AL	2203	4	NC	2226	5	NM	176	6	CA	95			
1	NY	1101	2	KY	585	2	OH	500	4	AL	2204	4	PR	660	5	NM	372	6	CA	106			
1	NY	1147	2	KY	591	2	OH	590	4	AL	2205	4	PR	661	5	NM	559	6	CA	204			
1	NY	1782	2	KY	622	2	OH	606	4	AL	2206	4	PR	662	5	NM	1966	6	CA	210			
1	PA	11	2	KY	767	2	OH	620	4	AL	2212	4	SC	354	5	NM	2002	6	CA	383			

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS AS OF 07/1/09 - 9/30/09

TOTAL MEMBERS: 42,613 TOTAL DECEASED: 411 TOTAL NEW ACTIVITY: 777

REGIONS

Reg	Total Mem	AS	LM	*Total New Activity
2	9970	20	222	242
4	7903	20	147	167
5	6913	3	124	127
1	10939	3	116	119
6	4875	10	78	88
3	1907	2	28	30
7	106	0	4	4



DEPARTMENTS/STATES CONTINUED

Reg	Dept	Total Mem	AS	LM	*Total New Activity
1	CT	817	0	6	6
6	NV	255	0	6	6
1	NN	644	0	5	5
6	GU	129	3	2	5
2	IA	288	0	4	4
3	AK	244	1	3	4
6	UT	137	0	4	4
3	MT	208	0	3	3
6	HI	299	0	3	3
7	AE	44	0	2	2
3	ID	261	0	2	2
3	WY	190	0	2	2
7	XX	48	0	2	2
1	RI	156	0	1	1
7	AP	14	0	0	0
1	DE	213	0	0	0
3	ND	16	0	0	0

DEPARTMENTS/STATES

Reg	Dept	Total Mem	AS	LM	*Total New Activity
2	MN	1073	1	68	69
6	CA	3070	6	44	50
5	TX	3597	1	48	49
4	FL	2767	11	35	46
4	NC	1313	3	39	42
2	MI	2196	2	33	35
2	IL	955	10	24	34
1	PA	2628	0	27	27
1	NY	1893	1	25	26
5	AR	491	1	25	26
1	NJ	2370	1	19	20
2	MO	748	3	17	20
2	OH	1579	0	20	20
6	AZ	985	1	19	20
1	VA	1150	1	16	17
5	CO	511	0	17	17
2	NE	355	3	13	16
4	SC	819	3	13	16
4	GA	950	0	15	15
2	WI	912	1	13	14
4	TN	702	0	14	14
4	MS	585	2	11	13
2	IN	623	0	12	12
4	PR	134	1	11	12
5	OK	664	1	10	11
1	MD	536	0	10	10
2	KY	549	0	10	10
3	WA	601	1	9	10
3	OR	387	0	9	9
4	AL	633	0	9	9
5	KS	348	0	9	9
2	WV	692	0	8	8
5	LA	703	0	8	8
1	MA	532	0	7	7
5	NM	599	0	7	7

TOP CHAPTERS - NEW ACTIVITY

Reg	Dept	Chapter	Total Mem	AS	LM	*Total New Activity
2	MN	0268	224	0	15	15
2	IL	0175	88	9	5	14
2	MN	5555	35	1	11	12
2	MI	0110	275	1	10	11
2	MN	0987	146	0	11	11
4	NC	2226	145	0	10	10
4	NC	0642	278	0	9	9
5	TX	1876	264	0	9	9
6	CA	0049	293	4	5	9
2	MO	0125	205	1	7	8
2	NE	0632	88	1	7	8
4	NC	0638	251	2	6	8

TOP CHAPTERS - MEMBERS STRENGTH

Reg	Dept	Chapter	Total Mem	ChapterName & Location
5	TX	1836	686	ALAMO - SAN ANTONIO, TX
5	TX	1919	578	TEXAS CAPITAL - AUSTIN, TX
4	FL	0717	375	WEST PALM BEACH - WPB, FL
1	PA	0063	353	LT. MAXWELL M. BROWN - PHILADELPHIA, PA
1	VA	0353	349	GREATER WASHINGTON - WASH, DC

TOP DEPTS - MEMBERS STRENGTH

Reg	Dept	Total Mem
5	TX	3597
6	CA	3070
4	FL	2767
1	PA	2628
1	NJ	2370

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2	MI	2196
1	NY	1893
2	OH	1579
4	NC	1313
1	VA	1150

TOTAL MEMBERS' COUNT IS THE TOTAL COUNT OF PH LIFE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WITHOUT DECEASED MEMBERS.

***NEW ACTIVITY IS THE TOTAL COUNT OF NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERS WHO CONVERTED FROM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP.**

NATIONAL AIDE-DE-CAMP APPOINTMENTS

Each year, the National Commander appoints National Aide-de-Camps in each State to assist him and his officers whenever they are visiting the area or on other occasions as requested. National Headquarters has received a number of nominations which are submitted to the National Commander for approval. The National Commander may restrict the number of nominations per state. Confirmation letters and credential cards will be mailed by October 31, 2009 to each National Aide-de-Camp approved for appointment. The final list will be published in the November/December Magazine.

To date, we have received nominations for Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

If you have any questions, please contact Pick Thichangthong in Membership at memberships@purpleheart.org or 703-642-5360 x106.

MOPH SCHOLARSHIP

The 2010-2011 Academic Year Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Scholarship Information and Application package has been posted to the MOPH website: www.purpleheart.org. To download a copy, select "Purple Heart Programs" from the homepage, then "Scholarships." You will then be directed to the package. If you prefer to have a copy sent by mail, contact MOPH Headquarters at (703) 642-5360 or by e-mail at scholarship@purpleheart.org. In order for a direct descendent (child, step-child, adopted child, grandchild or great grandchild) of a Purple Heart recipient to be eligible to apply, the recipient must be (1) a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart or a member in good standing at the time of death or (2) a veteran killed in action or who died of wounds and did not have the opportunity to join the Military Order of the Purple Heart. A complete list of eligibility criteria can be found on the first page of the application. The deadline for receipt of scholarship applications at MOPH Headquarters is 5:00 p.m., February 16, 2010. No exceptions will be granted.

Americanism: The 2010 Calendar cards are expected at Headquarters next week - we will update the online order process and will begin shipping soon after. Next in line to be re-printed are membership applications and soon after we will re-stock book markers. Please continue to contact our National Americanism Officer, Ron Siebels, for quantities in excess of the maximum allowed limits.

Supply: To assist members, we have printed order forms in the September/October, 2009 issue of the Purple Heart magazine and have also included these on our website. Please go to www.purpleheart.org, click on "Download Forms" and then scroll down to "Supply Order forms."

ONLINE SPECIALS: For a limited time, we are offering great deals on ballpoint pens, baseball caps and a luggage combo - please login to the Supply Room to order. Limited quantities of the Rogers, Arkansas convention bag are also available @ \$ 24.95 each - you can order these online or mail in your order to us with check/money order.



Planning to visit your store? Call ahead so we can better serve you! Phone: 703-642-5360 and make an appointment to shop with Jennifer, our Supply Assistant. Please remember to bring your check book or cash as we currently are unable to process credit cards on site. Her e-mail? supply@purpleheart.org.

UPCOMING MOPH EVENTS

OCTOBER 2009

- 10..... REGION IV CONFERENCE, FT. BENNING GA
 12..... COLUMBUS DAY - MOPH HQ CLOSED
 17..... REGION III CONFERENCE, SEATTLE WA
 24..... REGION I CONFERENCE, ESSINGTON PA
 30-31 REGION V CONFERENCE, ALBUQUERQUE NM
 30..... REGION VI CONFERENCE, SCOTTSDALE, AZ

NOVEMBER 2009

- 11..... VETERANS' DAY
 12-14 AMERICAN VETERANS' CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON DC
 18-19 MOPH SERVICE FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING, ORLANDO FL
 26..... THANKSGIVING
 27..... MOPH HQ CLOSED

DECEMBER 2009

- 07..... PEARL HARBOR DAY
 24..... MOPH HQ CLOSED
 25..... CHRISTMAS

FEBRUARY 2010

- 8-12..... MARCH ON THE HILL
 16..... SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE
 22..... WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

MARCH 2010

- 4..... COMMANDER'S PRESENTATION TO SENATE, WASH DC
 20..... NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MID-YEAR MEETING, CHICAGO IL
 21-26..... ANNUAL NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE TRAINING, ORLANDO FL
 27..... NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP MEETING, ST LOUIS MO

APRIL 2010

- 30..... LEADERSHIP EXECUTIVE MEETING, SEATTLE WA [BEGINS]

MAY 2010

- 01..... LEADERSHIP EXECUTIVE MEETING, SEATTLE WA [ENDS]
 TBA..... DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS
 31..... MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE 2010

- TBA..... DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS

JULY 2010

- 10..... NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE FY 2011 BUDGET MTG, ARL VA

AUGUST 2010

- 10-14..... 2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION, ORLANDO FL

FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- 2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION, ST PAUL MN.....AUGUST 9-13,2011
 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION, SCOTTSDALE AZ.....AUGUST 7-11,2012

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Originally from Valdosta, Georgia, she was raised "an Army brat" and traveled the US, settling in Jackson, MS. where she attended Hinds College. She left college for the Marine Corps, spending four years on active duty with her last assignment at HQBN, Henderson Hall, Arlington, VA. She joined MOPH in October 2008. Coretta now lives in Maryland with her husband, Shaun and 8-year old daughter, Kyla. She enjoys singing, playing basketball, and working with numbers.

WHAT HAPPENED IN PAST OCTOBERS?

1945 - UN founded. **1956** - Suez War began. **1961** - DIA became operational. **1964** - China detonates first nuclear weapon. **1973** - Yom Kippur War began in Middle East. **1983** - Terrorist destroyed Marine compound in Beirut, killing 254. **1983** - US Forces landed on Grenada during Operation URGENT FURY. **1993** - 12 soldiers killed, 78 wounded in operation against Somali warlord.