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**Camaraderie Among
Combat Wounded Veterans!**

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Carder Ferguson

National Commander

nationalcommander@purpleheart.org



Wow, it does not seem that been over three months since the National Convention. I can tell you that we have been hard at getting the Order back in shape. The team has put many long hours in getting the Finance in order and I know that Senior and Junior Vice have held several meetings to gather up information and to send out Information. National Adjutant Johnson stepped down for family reasons. We will keep Eric and his family in our prayers as they deal with the situation they have been dealt with.

Next thank you for confirming the appointment of the new National Adjutant (Chuck Adkins). I know he is a valuable member of this team and will make great strides to help us move the Order forward. Next, due to the rising prices of various goods and services, the Order had to make update our budget. This will show how the Order needs to adapt to changing financial conditions and ensure the Order's continued operation is a success in the future.

As your National Commander, I am actively working to ensure the organization remains strong and well-managed during these challenging times. I cannot do this alone, so the Order's leadership team has made sure we are communicating which has provided insight into the ongoing activities and challenges within the Purple Heart organization, showing efforts to adapt to

changing circumstances and continue our mission.

As we are working on the goals of cleaning and restructuring the finances, we have gotten the updated mailing list from AIL.

They took the Order's roster and verified each member's mailing address against the Post Office's National Change of Address Database. This was a great thing we approved at the National Convention. Now we will get the list broken down and send it

to the Region Commanders and they will send it to the Departments Commanders. We still need to make sure that the emails and phone numbers on each Patriot are updated.

Next, we need to promote the MOPH FUND. This is a must for this is the future of the order. We have to start

finding and working with groups that want to support the Order to keep the programs we have alive and operating while we support our Mission Statement.

As for our Website, we have made some changes and are working to make it easy for everyone to navigate the site. If you need help, please get with the Senior Vice and he will get you the information you need. The senior leadership has attended several Auxiliary meetings and has included them in Order meetings too. President Ray and her staff have asked if there is anything they can do for us, and we have done the same. Please get time and visit the Auxiliary website www.purpleheartauxiliary.org.



They have a store and a Fundraiser RADA CUTLERY where the proceeds help the Auxiliary provide services for Veterans they serve.

We have had the National Legislative Officer, National Advocacy Officer, and National Surgeon communicating and working on issues that not only pertain to the Order Patriots but to all Veterans and their families. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact them.

As we develop our team and make it better for the Order Future keep in mind that we are paying it forward. I want to thank our new Publication team that stood up at the Convention, took the reins and pushed out a magazine for all to read and enjoy. This is what we are all about, what we can do to make it better and not worry about what was done in the past but just make it better!
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Yours in Patriotism,

Carder Ferguson



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“Diabetes is a disease that occurs when your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. It affects about 37 million Americans, including adults and youth. Diabetes can damage the eyes, kidneys, nerves and heart, and it is linked to some types of cancer.

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November 11 each year, we gather to honor and express our deepest gratitude to the men and women who have selflessly served in our armed forces. Veterans Day is a special occasion to pay tribute to those who have made incredible sacrifices to protect our nation and preserve the freedoms we hold dear.

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But if one were to create a historically accurate feast, consisting of only those foods that historians are certain were served at the so-called “first Thanksgiving,” there would be slimmer pickings. “Wildfowl was there. Corn, in grain form for bread or for porridge, was there. Venison was there,” says Kathleen Wall.

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Military Families embody strength, resilience, and courage. Care of military families and children sustains our fighting force, and strengthens the health, security, and safety of our nation's families and communities.

CMOH FOR ACTION ON US SOIL.....45

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy. Over a period of several days, repeated efforts to drive the enemy from a key defensive position high in the snow-covered precipitous mountains between east arm of Holtz Bay and Chichogof Harbor had failed.

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National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, also referred to as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day or Pearl Harbor Day, is observed annually in the United States on December 7, to remember and honor the 2,403 Americans who were killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, which led to the United States declaring war on Japan the next day and thus entering World War II.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS.. 77

There are many different faiths and some of those different faiths celebrate Christmas. With 4200 different religions in the world, there are some that celebrate Christmas, and others who have their own wintertime celebrations. Let’s take a look at some of the ways different faiths celebrate Christmas.

OLDEST PATRIOT PASSES AT 108.....91

A distinguished Combat Wounded Veteran, who endured and never forgot the shattering wounds of war; we the Patriots and Comrades respectfully salute you "Old Soldier and Stalwart of the Military Order Purple Heart."

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NATIONAL ADJUTANT'S CORNER

Charles W. "Chuck" Adkins, Jr.

National Adjutant



the membership.

I am honored to once again serve as your National Adjutant. Words are hard to come by to describe the humble feeling that comes with the privilege to assist our National Leadership in working on behalf of

From the time I was elected as Commander, Chapter 460, I began looking for information and formulating tools in order for my Chapter to be successful during my tenure. The first was learning and understanding our Bylaws and asking for advice from those who had served in the position before me. That remained true when I was later elected as Commander, Department of Arkansas, and as Commander, Region V. Even though I previously have served as National Adjutant, much has changed, and I find myself again having much to learn. The good news is that I have all of you, the members of the Order, to reach out to for advice on reaching our common goal—the welfare of our fellow Veterans.

Over the course of time, I developed my Seven "R"s. 1) Recruiting 2) Retention, 3) Reports, 4) Rosters 5) Raise Funds, and 6) Resourcing, and 7) Recognition. While there isn't enough space to define each "R" in this article, I will share them with anyone who asks. Along with my "Rs," Communication, Transparency, and Accountability served as the steering mechanisms for the successes achieved at the Chapter, Department and Region levels. I now bring them forward to use at the National level.

For our newest members: The good first step towards achieving success in any organization is understanding its policies and

regulations. For the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), it is the Federal Charter, Constitution, and Bylaws. While commonly referred to simply as the Bylaws, they are actually THREE distinct separate documents. They are the principles underlying the corporation for patriotic allegiance to the United States, fidelity to the Constitution and laws of the United States, the security of civil liberty, and the permanence of free institutions. The three documents give the MOPH the right to exist, provide guidance on how to govern and operate, and how to take care of our fellow Patriots. Every Patriot has a right to ask questions for clarification and to submit recommended changes to the Charter, Constitution, and the Bylaws.

Finally, the MOPH Headquarters Team will be responsive to your requests for information and work in an open environment while protecting the rights and privacy of all concerned. Please treat the Leadership Team and HQ Staff in the same respectful manner in which I expect them to treat you.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Chuck Adkins

National Adjutant

Patriot Commander Ferguson is looking for Volunteers to fill the following positions currently open within the Order:

One Year Publications Committee: For duties of the National Publications Committee see MOPH Bylaws Article XII National Committees Section 6 National Publications Committee and the MOPH Procedures Manual Attachment C.

National Public Relations Director: For Duties of the National Public Relations Director see MOPH Bylaws Article XI Duties of National Officers Section 14 National Public Relations Director

Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service Director: For Duties of the VAVS Director see Bylaws Article XI National Officers Section 15 Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS)

Director and the MOPH Procedures Manual Chapter 7 MOPH Programs Page 36 Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS) Director.

Please send your nominations to the National Commander with a cc to me no later than (NLT) 03NOV23. Questions may be addressed to the National Adjutant.

Please note: Per the Bylaws, the 1-year NPC Nominee is required to be elected by the NEC. The NPRD and VAVSD are appointed by the National Commander.

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Personal member stories and pictures as well as those documenting Chapter and Unit activities are encouraged. Please identify the "Five W's" (who, what, where, when, and why) so the reader may have the best experience possible when reading the magazine.

Please include the complete chapter designation in your submission (four-digit number with leading zero, if necessary, followed by a dash (-) and the two-digit state abbreviation followed by a dash (-) and the one-digit region designation. For example, 0691-AZ-6.

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HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP - PH DAY

Joe Piazza
Adjutant, 0027-NJ-1

On August 7th, 2023, Hillsborough Township in New Jersey created an event called National Annual Purple Heart Recognition Day. Many were gathered to honor the men who were severely wounded in combat and survived in the Vietnam War.

In the Event Mayor Shawn Lipani and Purple Heart recipient Ted Dima gave a speech about how the Purple Heart Medal was created by General George Washington. After their speech, six Purple Heart recipients were allowed to talk about their personal experiences in the firefights and battles in Vietnam.

All in attendance we're intrigued with the stories that only Veterans can explain.



(L to R) Mayor Shawn Lipani, Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker, Assemblyman Roy Frinan, Surrogate Judge Tina Jalloh, PH Ken Meany, Joe Ortn, PH Joe Kordzikowsski, Ed Davis, Commissioner Paul M Drake, PH Tony Del Rocco, Vincent Barragan, Tom Cellilli, PH JW Suhr, Police Officer Tichenor, PH Joe Piazza, George Mariasz, PH Ted Dima, Allen McRae, Police Officer Polizzi, Mike Schraufnagel, Committeeman James Ruh.

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR QUIZ

(Answers can be found later in the magazine)

1. How many women are on the Medal of Honor rolls?
2. How many recipients received their Medal based on action on US soil after 1898?
3. How many fathers and sons both received the Medal?
4. How many brothers both received the Medal?
5. How many uncles and their nephew both received the Medal?

INDIANA VET'S HOME – BINGO!

Tom Moorman

Commander, Department of Indiana

26 August 2023, the Department of Indiana provided the Residents of the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette, Indiana with a picnic. Before the meeting, members of the Department and from Chapters 833, 721, 692 and 736 presented \$4500 to the home for equipment to help residents suffering from dementia.

Members prepared hamburgers and hotdogs, potato, and macaroni salads with a drink for all residents who were able to join us. During mealtime members visited with the residents and afterwards held a bingo event.

Mike Shadowen (behind the microphone), Dept SrVice, called the numbers with other members verifying cards and paying the prize money to the winners.



Dave Bandelier, Commander Chapter 736, verifying a resident's card.



Dave Bandelier (right) and Rolland Street (Dept Chaplain, left) verifying cards.



Dave Bandelier, Commander Chapter 736, verifying a resident's card.



Dave Bandelier answering the call of a winner.

FOREVER IN OUR HEART

Darle Scuff

Member, MOPHA Unit 0164-WI-2

On Saturday, September 30, 2023, Ft. Howard Unit 164 dedicated a bench to the late Commander George Greendeer George, not only Chapter but Department Commander, had long been a strong advocate of the Auxiliary and instrumental in starting the local Unit.



164 President Karen Blashka welcomes everyone to the dedication.



Chaplain Dar Schuff with George's family



George's son John addresses the crowd

The bench, located at the Purple Heart monument which George had spearheaded on the Veterans Memorial Park in Oneida, included a plaque stating "Forever in our heart, Commander George Greendeer. Ft. Howard Auxiliary 164."



George's wife Charlene and family unveil the bench at the monument.

ERIE COUNTY RESERVED PARKING

Michael Cecchini

Member, 0187-NY-1



Erie County Clerk Mickey Kearns dedicates a reserved parking space for Purple Heart recipient service men and women at the Erie County Auto Bureau in Derby. On hand to assist in the unveiling was Purple Heart recipient James Trembath (center) of the Town of Evans, members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 187 & 264, and United States Air Force combat veteran and Town of Evans Councilman Mike Schraft (second from left).

Derby, NY - Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns unveiled the newest reserved parking space for Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans at the Erie County Auto Bureau

located at 6853 Erie Road in the Town of Evans. This reserved space is immediately adjacent to existing handicapped parking spots. This is the seventh such spot for Purple Heart recipients Kearns has secured in Erie County.

“With Veterans Day approaching on November 11th, I am honored to dedicate this specially reserved parking spot in our ongoing effort to salute service members wounded in combat. It serves as a reminder that we have residents throughout Erie County that have bravely served our nation, made sacrifices for us, and were bestowed the Purple Heart,” said Erie County Clerk Kearns.

Over the last few years, Vice-Commander Russell Ward of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 187 has been promoting the "Purple Heart Parking Spot" program through their Americanism Campaign across Erie and Niagara Counties.

“We thank Erie County Clerk Kearns for continuing this program which began back when he was a New York State Assemblyman,” said Ward. “We also invite business owners to acknowledge and honor the sacrifices made by Purple Heart recipient service men and women by allocating a distinct designated parking space at their place of business.” Any area business that is interested in this program can call 716-587-1120 or email russbuis@aol.com.

“It is important we continue to expand this program across the entire county to honor those who served, were wounded and came home, as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice to safeguard the freedoms we have today,” added Kearns. “You can never say ‘thank you’ enough to our veteran community.” Dedicated parking signs will continue to go up at the remaining Auto Bureau locations for those bestowed the “Badge of Military Merit” over the next few months. Additional Purple Heart Combat Wounded Parking places can be found at Lackawanna City Hall, West Seneca Town Hall, Evans Senior Center, MDS Associates in Cheektowaga, VFW Post 735 in

West Seneca, and Western New York Federal Credit Union.

Additionally, Purple Heart informational plaques have been placed in all Department of Motor Vehicle offices in both Niagara and Erie Counties in an effort to advance the awareness of the contributions of our veterans and their families. "It is our responsibility to maintain a high level of recognition for not only Purple Heart Veterans, but all veterans who served this great nation," stated Ward.

NORTH SHORE TECHNICAL

Ron Crowley
Louisiana Department Commander



Department Commander Crowley presents the Proclamation.

The National Order of the Purple Heart, USA awards the **Purple Heart Community College** designation to colleges who respect the significance of the Purple Heart Medal as the oldest military decoration in use today and those colleges who acknowledge the sacrifices this prestigious honor entails. During the Proclamation Ceremony at the Lacombe Campus, MOPH State Commander, Ron Crowley declared NTCC and official Purple Heart Community College.



MOPHA Past National President Colleen Orfanello, Department Sr. Vice Deron Santiny, Department Commander Ron Crowley, Patriots Felicia, and Max Flake



NTCC Chancellor Jim Carlson



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PATRIOTS DAY PARADE – WILLIAMS, AZ

John Moore

Adjutant, 0442-AZ-6



Williams, AZ held its Patriots' Day Parade on September 9th. Thank you, Williams, AZ for your support of Veterans.

20TH ANNIVERSARY – CONGRATULATIONS!

Betty Ann Brunton

Associate Member, 0759-FL-4



MOPH Chapter 759 celebrated their 20th Anniversary on September 16, 2023, with a luncheon at Pioneer Pizza in Port Charlotte, FL. County Commissioner, Stephen R. Deutsch, attended the luncheon and presented the Chapter with a Proclamation from the County, declaring September 16, Purple Heart Chapter 759 day.



Past Chapter Commander, Art McGinnis, brought a variety of pictures highlighting the history of the Chapter. Among the pictures were some of the Founding Members from very early meetings. Commander Jack Brunton congratulated the attendees for carrying on the work of MOPH for the past 20 years and encouraged everyone to volunteer their time and help grow the Chapter. He also thanked

everyone for their support of the Chapter and our Veterans.

Attendees: MOPH Life Members: Jack Brunton, Tom Delaney, Walter LeVasseur, Art McGinnis, Bob Niggli; MOPH Associate Members/ MOPHA Members: Betty Brunton, Susan English, Marianne LeVasseur, Valerie Niggli, Cecelia Zeiss, and guests: Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, Penny Delaney, Mike Gordon



Commander Jack Brunton, Cecelia Zeiss, Susan English, Penny Delaney



Tom Delaney, Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, Mike Gibson, Bob Niggli, Art McGinnis, Commander Jack Brunton

VIOLAS – RAISE MORE MONEY



Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, Bob Niggl, Art McGinnis, Commander, Jack Brunton



Valerie Niggl, Art McGinnis, Cecelia Zeiss, Susan English, Penny Delaney



back row - Tom Delaney, Commissioner Stephen R Deutsch, Penny Delaney, Mike Gibson, Cecelia Zeiss, Art McGinnis, Valerie Niggl, Bob Niggl, Walter Levasseur, Commander, Jack Brunton; front row - Mrs. Deutsch, Betty Ann Brunton, Susan English, Marianne Levasseur. Dexter is front and center!

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Larry Leighton, Chair



The committee and the magazine continue to grow and evolve. We are focused on bringing you an informative and enjoyable magazine.

As we grow, I encourage you to submit ideas to be

included in or to improve the magazine to the NPC at publications@purpleheart.org.

THE PATRIOT MARKETPLACE

In this issue we are introducing a new feature – **The Patriot Marketplace**. We are offering this feature to our Members, Associate Members, or Auxiliary Members who may have something they make or have to sell either as a hobby, as part of a therapy plan, or to supplement their other income.

To advertise in this section, you must be in one of the above categories AND have your own selling mechanism (website, store front, or email). The Purple Heart Magazine will not take orders or accept payments. Ads may include a single picture of an item to be sold and are limited to one-eighth page size (approximately 2.5” 3.5”). **These ads are free but limited to one per member per issue.**

MAGAZINE COVER CONTEST

Ever wondered how the cover theme and design was selected? In the past it has always been decided by the Committee and the Editor. Starting with the Jan-Feb issue, we are going to let you – the readers – provide your suggestions for both the theme and the design for the front cover.

Your suggestions must be submitted to publications@purpleheart.org not later than the 15th of the even numbered months (same suspense for all input). The Committee will

evaluate all submissions and select the winner at their next meeting. The same restrictions on pictures and content as explained below applies to cover designs. All submissions will be acknowledged in the magazine.

MAGAZINE INPUT

Individual and Chapter input to this issue was lighter than expected. Everything, in good taste and that is not Offensive, inflammatory, information pertaining to a current MOPH grievance(s); discredit(s) to the Order; any mistruth, libelous or malicious comments about other patriot(s) submitted to publications@purpleheart.org will be published.

The magazine is your magazine, and we need your help filling it with interesting stories about our members, associate members, auxiliary members, and Chapter/Unit activities. Although personal stories can be about combat experiences, they are not restricted to combat experiences and can cover any aspect of life or any activity that highlights how we promote the Purple Heart mission and Programs.

How many times have you looked at an old family picture and asked, “I wonder who that is?” With that in mind, please remember to answer the W’s when in your submissions - **Who** is in the picture, **What** are they doing, **Where** are they doing it, and **Why** are they doing it. Remember also, good pictures bring articles to life.

Please remember “Everyone likes to see their name in print” so please include names of folks in the pictures.

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FORGOTTEN LOAN – 36 YEARS LATER



Patriot Ron Capek, 0691-AZ-6, found all his “forgotten military stuff”, including the New Testament he was given when he entered Vietnam in 1968. Ron carried the New Testament with him, in a plastic bag, in his left shirt pocket.

In 2005, while “sorting” the “military stuff”, he found a pink receipt in the book promising to pay the Red Cross back.

The following is from the Red Cross case back-up files and the letter they sent Ron forgiving him for not being timely with his repayment.

The Vietnam War has been over for 33 years. But memories of the conflict instantly flashed back when Ron Capek found a receipt tucked away in the pages of his pocket size New Testament.

What he found quickly reminded him of the time the American Red Cross stepped in and gave him the support he needed during a difficult time.

Back in 1968, Capek was an infantryman in the U.S. Army. He was a squad leader in his platoon because he was older than the others. He had a little more life under his belt after being drafted at the ripe age of 24. “They really looked up to me. I used to share stories from the big city of Chicago,” said Capek.

Fighting the war was grueling and ghastly. “I saw things that no one should see,” said Capek. The soldier witnessed killings and brutality that will never leave his memory. “It was a painful period, but I made it,” he added.

During his first break while serving in Vietnam, Capek got away to see the sights of Hong-

Kong - -- Upon his return, he received news from the Red Cross. He was notified his father had died. The Red Cross made sure his every need was met. Capek was booked on the first flight to United States. He also received a Red Cross loan for \$100 dollars. “That money helped me pay for expenses during my trip home for my father's funeral.”

Capek returned to Chicago to help his family prepare for the funeral and cope with the loss. When he arrived, his mother greeted him with tears and a hug. She was so grateful he was there. Capek asked how she knew to contact the Red Cross to get him home. His mother replied, “My neighbor told me I should call the Red Cross because they are there to help during a crisis or emergency.”

Capek's family really needed his support after the death of his father. Rather than going back to Vietnam, he requested a discharge. The army granted him an honorable discharge. Capek went straight to work so he could provide for his family.

Shortly after his father died, Cepak dealt with another family tragedy. A woman he married died at the tender age of 26. The two hadn't even been married for two years when diabetes took such a toll on her body she would never recover.

“My doctor was really worried about me because I had so much grief and witnessed so much horror in Vietnam. He prescribed me a vacation,” said Capek. “I went on a cruise to the Caribbean. on board I met several other widowers. Their support helped me tremendously.”

A few years later, the 30-year-old year met a woman who would change his life forever. “Cindy and I were married on September 7, 1974. We had three boys. Now they're all grown up and out of the house,” Capek remarked. “We've had a good life!”

More than 36 years after coming home from Vietnam Capek stumbled upon something inside his pocket size New Testament. “The

pocket size New Testament was with me every single minute I was in Vietnam, but I hadn't looked at it in a long time. I was stumped when I found something tucked away," Capek said. "When I opened it and discovered it was the Red Cross loan receipt, I had received back in 1969, I knew what I had to do." The father of three promptly wrote a check to the American Red Cross in the amount of \$100.

The American Red Cross provides loans to military families through the military aid societies. The humanitarian organization also helps keep military families connected through messages 24 hours a day 7 days a week 365 days a year. "Back in the 60's we didn't have the technology we have today. The Red Cross was able to get a vital message to me within a few hours of my dad's death and get me home in time for the funeral. Their contribution to military families is incredible. I am touched by the help they provided me in some of my darkest hours."



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Ronald C. Capek
5221 W. Mescal St
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4 August 2005

Ron,

Thanks again for your most thoughtful repayment of the Red Cross loan you received in Viet Nam. You are forgiven for it being 36 years.

As I said when we talked, your letter/check and accompanying "loan pink slip" really shocked our office (and blew our accounting department completely away). No one had a clue what or how to process the repayment.

After returning from Nam and finishing school, I went to work for Red Cross in the Military Services department, so for the last 23 years worked on military bases around the world in the type of field office you visited at Cam Ranh Bay for your emergency leave. Having that experience and knowledge, your letter and check was finally forwarded to me to sort out.

Sorry for our delay in processing your check and getting back in touch. Your money was sent to our Nat'l Hq, with a restriction that it be placed in the fund that continues to help servicemen and women in crisis.

My offer still stands, stop by my office anytime you come by this way.

Stanley Brown, Deputy Director
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NORTH CAROLINA POW/MIA LUNCHEON

Frances Figueroa

North Carolina Department Commander

On September 9th, 2023, the Department of North Carolina participated in a POW/MIA luncheon that was hosted by the Purpleheart Foundation of North Carolina. The luncheon recognized POW's and families of POW and MIA.



The Region IV Cdr, The Department Cdr and the Chapter commanders all assisted in handing out gifts to the POW's and the families of the POW MIA's while thanking them and their families for their sacrifice and dedication to our country.



Two former POWs were in attendance, Patriot William F Borer in the white hat (0636-NC-4) and Patriot Bud Wilson wearing the black cap and red shirt (0642-NC-4). There were five families of POW's and numerous families of

MIA who attended the events and accepted gifts for the POW/MIA patriots.

The POW/MIA issue is one that has affected countless families and individuals throughout our nation's history. We must remember those who remain missing and the families who continue to wait for their return. It is our duty to recognize their sacrifice and to support them in any way we can. This demographic is sometimes included in other events, but seldom will you see a POW/MIA event that stands on its own.



(L to R) Patriot Mike Mabe, Patriot Grant Beck, Patriot James Hicks, Patriot Daryl Monroe, Patriot Bill Ebersbach, Patriot Frances Figueroa, Patriot Lenny Lazzara. To the Right of Lenny is Michael Johnson the founder of the Purple Heart foundation of NC and the one who put on the POW/MIA event.

NATIONAL DIABETES MONTH 2023

From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, [National Diabetes Month 2023](#):

“November is National Diabetes Month, a time when communities across the country seek to bring attention to diabetes. This year’s focus is on taking action to prevent diabetes health problems.

“Diabetes is a disease that occurs when your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. It affects about 37 million Americans, including adults and youth. Diabetes can damage the eyes, kidneys, nerves and heart, and it is linked to some types of cancer.

“But there’s also good news: Taking charge of your health may help you prevent diabetes health problems.

[“Tips to get started...”](#)



From The American Presidency

Project: [Proclamation 10486—National Diabetes Month, 2022](#)

“This month, we acknowledge more than 37 million Americans living with diabetes who inspire us to develop better treatment options, make life-saving medicines more affordable, and finally find a cure for this disease.

“Over 10 percent of Americans have Type 1, Type 2, or gestational diabetes, and tens of millions more remain at risk of developing this chronic condition. While the scientific community has made strides over the past several decades to help patients manage

symptoms, too many loved ones must still contend with the daily challenge of managing blood sugar levels, the dangers of long-term health complications, and the frustration of being diagnosed with a disease that has yet to be cured. Despite it costing only \$10 to manufacture a vial of insulin, drug companies can charge more than 30 times that, leaving families struggling to pay for life-saving medicine. The inability to afford vital treatment not only deprives people of a healthy existence but also of their dignity. This is especially true for people of color, who have higher rates of diabetes.”



<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/stories/diabetes-month.html>

A Proclamation on National Diabetes Month, 2023

One in ten Americans has diabetes, and of that group, one in five of them do not know that they do. While this chronic condition is becoming more common, there is so much that we can do to help prevent and manage it. During National Diabetes Month, we recommit as a Nation to making treatment more affordable, improving care, and finally finding a cure.

Every day, millions of Americans with diabetes struggle to afford life-saving insulin. It costs drug companies just \$10 a vial to produce, but some charge more than 30 times that amount. Americans across the country have told me how those high prices sometimes force them to ration their medication, too often resulting in dangerous health complications that could have been avoided. Too many of them know what it is like to lay awake at night, staring at the ceiling, wondering how to choose between putting food on the table and buying the insulin they need to stay alive. It is wrong.

I ran for President to rebuild the middle class — and that includes working to make health care a right in this country, not a privilege. For decades, big pharmaceutical companies have blocked efforts to lower prescription drug costs, but together, we took them on and won. Last year, I signed the Inflation Reduction Act, one of the most significant laws ever passed to reduce prescription drug prices, capping insulin at \$35 per month for seniors on Medicare, down from as much as \$400 per month. The Inflation Reduction Act finally gave Medicare the ability to negotiate for lower drug prices, starting this year with ten drugs — including treatments for diabetes — benefiting more than nine million Americans. The law also requires drug companies that raise prices faster than inflation to pay the difference back to the Government, saving seniors up to \$618 per dose of medication. Seniors and other Part D enrollees with high drug spending will have their out-of-pocket drug costs capped at about \$3,500 next year. In 2025, the Inflation Reduction Act will cap total out-of-pocket drug costs for all seniors on Medicare at \$2,000 per year, period. There is more to do, but these steps will put money back in the pockets of millions of families, easing fears and giving them just a little more breathing room.

While we keep working to make diabetes medications more affordable, my Administration is also focused on prevention, early interventions, improving treatments, and finding a cure. Today, one in three American adults has prediabetes, with a risk of developing Type 2 diabetes within 5 years. Diabetes has serious consequences. It is a leading cause of death in the United States, and once diagnosed, increases one's risk of heart attack, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, and loss of toes, feet, or legs. It is important to be aware of diabetes risk factors, many of which relate to nutrition and physical activity deficits. To learn more about risk factors and how to combat prediabetes, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Diabetes Prevention Program: <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention/index.html>.

Last year, we launched the Advanced

Research Project Agency for Health (ARPA-H) to drive breakthroughs in preventing, detecting, and treating deadly diseases, including diabetes. Research advances have already helped develop several new diabetes drugs, including the first that can delay the onset of Type 1 diabetes, giving recently diagnosed people more time before starting insulin. This year, the Food and Drug Administration also approved the first cell therapy for adults with Type 1 diabetes who cannot safely manage their glucose levels with insulin as well as the first new oral medication for children with Type 2 diabetes in over two decades. We remain committed to robust research investment and to providing pathways to drive the development and delivery of additional, effective treatments and much-needed cures.

At the same time, we have expanded health coverage nationwide and lowered health care costs for millions of Americans, including the nearly 15 million Americans who buy their coverage under the Affordable Care Act and are saving \$800 per year on their premiums. We are also cracking down on surprise medical bills and junk health insurance plans that look affordable but then stick consumers with big hidden costs. Last year, we held the first White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health in over 50 years where we convened advocates, health care providers, food companies, and officials from every level of government. We have laid out a vision to prevent and reduce the pervasiveness of diet-related disease, like diabetes, across the United States by 2030, outlining a comprehensive strategy to end hunger and put healthy food on the table. Our plan incorporates steps to better prevent and manage diabetes, including by expanding access to nutrition counseling and working with the Congress to make the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program permanent.

We want all 37 million Americans with diabetes to know that we have their backs and that the historic progress we have made to lower insulin prices is just the first step. This month, we celebrate the courage and resilience of this community; and we honor the medical professionals, loved ones, and

advocates who do so much to help support it and keep driving us toward a cure.

PURPLE HEART MISSION- DELAWARE

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2023 as National Diabetes Month. I call upon all Americans, school systems, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, health care providers, research institutions, and other interested groups to join in activities that raise diabetes awareness and help prevent, treat, and manage this disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.



JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/10/31/a-proclamation-on-national-diabetes-month-2023/>



NATIONAL POTY FOLLOW UP

Chris Archuleta

Past Chapter Commander 0385-CA-6



Josh Dale National POY recently received his white cap and his COMANDER Steven Matulich. Chapter 385 did the honors of presenting.

Patriot Joshua Dale Chapter 385, Folsom CA Receives Patriot of the year Eagle Trophy & winds a hand carved flag coin holder. He is joined by his wife, Associate Member Jennifer Dale. He is also coined by Associate Member. & Department of CA Chief of Staff Richard Keller. He is congratulated by numerous new friends & especially Department of Hawaii Tommy Tanaka.



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THE WILL TO SURVIVE

Ronald Krul

Adjutant, 0264-NY-1



Since 1982, John Zale had been an active member of MOPH New York Chapter 0264. For 30 years, little more was known about John other than he was a WWII Army Veteran who was a Purple Heart recipient. John was always busy, especially at the VA or with the Boy Scouts, but was always available when the Chapter needed some manpower. It wasn't until after his death in 2012 that the true story was told by his daughter Karen, who had both authored and published the book.

“The Will to Survive, is an explicit story of strife and valor as well as despair and hope. Karen's father, John Zale (*né* Zubrzycki), served in the US Army in the Pacific Theater. His story is one of survival. Being wounded in action during the Battle of Bataan in the Philippine Islands, he survived the notorious Bataan Death March when the troops were surrendered to the Japanese Imperial Army. As a prisoner of war, he endured unimaginable horror on the Hell Ship that took him to Mukden, Manchuria, China, where he was a POW for three and one-half years. His story is one of beatings, starvation, torture, tropical diseases, malnutrition, slave labor, and human medical experimentation.”

“After the war, the liberated prisoners of war were ordered not to discuss their experience

with anyone. The men returned home to deal with post-war trauma. Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) had not yet been identified. John Zale was able to deal with the mental trauma by pouring himself into his Boy Scout troop, family, and assisting other Veterans.”

“The purpose of this book is to be a voice for the voiceless. To tell the story of what the dauntless prisoners of war endured. Moreover, Zale explains this is a story of hope. Her father found a path that helped him deal with PTSD. Perhaps his story will be an inspiration to others.” (The Villager – Ellicottville, NY)

On April 11, 2021, John was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and accepted by his daughter Karen. The Congressional Gold Medal is an award bestowed by the United States Congress. It is the highest civilian award in the United States, along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The Gold Medal seeks to impart the highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions by individuals or institutions. To date, only slightly more than 200 institutions, people or events have been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

“The Will to Survive” is available for purchase via online vendors. The author is donating all profits to Western New York Heroes, Inc. The author can be reached by email at wiltosurvive433@yahoo.com.

HAPPY 248TH BIRTHDAY US MARINE CORPS



As this issue goes to publication, please keep the Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Eric M. Smith and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Gen Smith experienced a medical emergency on the evening of Oct. 29, 2023, and has been hospitalized.

Due to the vacancy in the Office of the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, in accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 8044, the most senior officer of the Marine Corps in the Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Lt. Gen. Karsten Heckl, is performing the duties of the Commandant.

Additional information regarding the condition of General Smith will be released at a later time.

Happy Birthday

to all 11,170 Marines in the Order!

What is United States Marine Corps Birthday?

United States Marine Corps Birthday is an annual observance that commemorates the founding of the Marine Corps on November 10, 1775. The Marine Corps is known for its

unwavering commitment to defending the nation and its core values of honor, courage, and commitment.

When is United States Marine Corps Birthday 2023?

United States Marine Corps Birthday is observed on November 10th each year. In 2023, it falls on a Friday, providing an opportunity for current and former Marines, as well as the general public, to participate in various events and celebrations.

How to Celebrate United States Marine Corps Birthday 2023?

Celebrating United States Marine Corps Birthday is a way to honor the Marine Corps and its contributions to the nation. Here are ways to participate in the celebrations:

- **Attend Commemorative Events:** Look for Marine Corps Birthday events, parades, and ceremonies in your area and attend to show your support.
- **Honor Veterans:** Express gratitude to Marine veterans for their service and sacrifice in defending the nation.
- **Learn Marine Corps History:** Educate yourself and others about the history and traditions of the Marine Corps through books, documentaries, or museum visits.
- **Donate to Marine Charities:** Consider making a donation to charities that support Marines, veterans, and their families.
- **Display the Flag:** Fly the U.S. flag and the Marine Corps flag to commemorate the occasion.
- **Participate in Community Service:** Engage in community service projects to give back to your local community in the spirit of the Marine Corps motto, "Semper Fidelis" (Always Faithful).

History of United States Marine Corps Birthday

The United States Marine Corps was officially established on November 10, 1775, with the approval of the Continental Congress. Its rich history is marked by countless acts of valor

and heroism in defense of the nation's interests at home and abroad.

United States Marine Corps Birthday has been celebrated annually since the early 20th century, with traditions and ceremonies that pay tribute to the Corps' enduring legacy.

Relevant Hashtags

When sharing your appreciation for the Marine Corps and participating in discussions about United States Marine Corps Birthday 2023 on social media, consider using these relevant hashtags:

- #USMCBirthday
- #SemperFidelis
- #MarineCorps
- #MarineBirthday
- #HonorOurMarines
- #USMCTradition
- #AlwaysFaithful

By using these hashtags, you can join the nationwide celebration and connect with others who share your admiration for the Marine Corps and its dedicated service members.



PURPLE HEART SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the scholarship program are due every July. Information is available on the Purple Heart Scholarship Program at this [link](#).



HERBERT W ALLEN AT PURPLE HEART DINNER

Herbert W. Allen
Member, 0638-NC-4



HERBERT W ALLEN ATTENDING THE PURPLE HEART DINNER AT THE RICHARD CHILDRESS RACING (RCR) CAMPUS, WELCOME NC.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S VETERANS DAY MESSAGE

Carder Ferguson
National Commander



To all Patriots, and Auxiliary Members: As your National Commander, I am proud of every member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and I salute you for your loyal and valiant service to this great nation. My fellow Patriots, today is a day set aside for our nation to honor you. Unlike Memorial Day, when we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, this day honors the many other veterans who served with honor but were able to return to their homes and their families.

November 11 each year, we gather to honor and express our deepest gratitude to the men and women who have selflessly served in our armed forces. Veterans Day is a special occasion to pay tribute to those who have made incredible sacrifices to protect our nation and preserve the freedoms we hold dear.

On this day, we remember the courage and dedication of the brave individuals who have worn the uniform and stood up for the principles of freedom, democracy, and justice. It's a day to recognize that our veterans are not just faceless heroes but real people with families, dreams, and aspirations, who put their lives on the line to ensure that we can live ours in peace and security. We also pay tribute to the veterans who served during times of peace, as they, too, played a critical role in maintaining our national security.

We should never forget that we all have an embodiment of dedication, patriotism, and sacrifice. We all have left our families, faced unimaginable challenges, and demonstrated unwavering loyalty to our country. We have shown what it means to put the greater good above personal interests.

While we set aside this day to remember and thank all veterans, let's not limit our appreciation to just one day a year. Let us make it a daily commitment to support all veterans in meaningful ways. This can be through our Order programs with job opportunities, education, mental health support, and more. Let us ensure that they receive the respect, care, and assistance they deserve.

President Reagan once said, "The blessings of liberty which our ancestors secured for us, and which we still enjoy, are ours only because, in each generation, there have been men and women willing to bear the hardships and sacrifices of serving in the military forces we need to preserve our freedom. These fine men and women have not sought glory for themselves, but peace and freedom for all. They exemplify the spirit that has preserved us as a great Nation, and they deserve our recognition for everything they have done. With a spirit of pride and gratitude, we honor and remember our veterans today."

In closing, on this Veterans Day, let us remember that freedom is not free. It comes at a great cost, paid by the men and women who have served and continue to serve in our military. Thank you, for you all are heroes on this special day. God bless the Order, and God bless the United States of America.

To my fellow Brothers and Sisters in Purple – Thank you for your service and sacrifice!

Carder Ferguson



Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 making it an annual observance, and it became a national holiday in 1938. Sixteen years later, then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name to Veterans Day to honor all those who served their country during war or peacetime. On this day, the nation honors military veterans — living and dead — with parades and other observances across the country and a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Five Things You Didn't Know (or forgot you knew) about Veterans Day

A good video with pictures to go along with the list is available, Courtesy Military.com, at



<https://www.military.com/veterans-day>

1. It's "Veterans Day," not "Veteran's Day." It could seem like just a silly grammar choice – but it's not. The Department of Veterans Affairs notes that Veterans Day is a day for recognizing the veterans with us right now. “Veteran’s Day” with an apostrophe would instead be a day that belongs to veterans.

2. Veterans Day was previously celebrated on the fourth Monday of October instead of

November 11. In the late 1960s Congress passed a law intended to stimulate the economy by adding more three-day weekends. They thought it would help encourage travel and other recreation. The “Uniform Monday Holiday Act” made Washington’s Birthday, [Memorial Day](#), Columbus Day and Veterans Day all Mondays.

But many states disagreed with the choice, especially since Veterans Day was designated as November 11 – 11th month, 11th day, 11th hour – for historic reasons. So, in Sept. 1975 President Gerald Ford signed a law returning Veterans Day to Nov. 11 starting in 1978.

3. [Armistice Day was recast as Veterans Day in 1954.](#) Today we know the day as “Veterans Day,” but until 1954 it was known as Armistice Day, officially recognizing the armistice agreement that ended WWI on Nov. 11, 1918. Even though WWI was hopefully termed “the war to end all wars,” it was anything but. By 1954 Americans had served in both WWII and the [Korean War](#). Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day on June 1, 1954.

4. Marines celebrate their service birthday and Veterans Day with a 96-hour liberty. Veterans Day comes just one day after the [Marine Corps birthday](#) on Nov. 10. Typically celebrated with a ball and cake-cutting ceremony, Marines traditionally are given a 96-hour liberty to mark both holidays together – and recover from their service birthday festivities.

5. A group once campaigned to rename Armistice Day as "Mayflower Day." When “the war to end all wars” failed to do so, a small group of Americans led by Francis Carr Stifler of the American Bible Society proposed Armistice Day be replaced with Mayflower Day. That group argued the signing of the Mayflower Compact took place on Nov. 11, 1620, and was more appropriate to honor, since the Mayflower Compact was the cornerstone upon which the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights stood. The idea gained little traction.

2022 Census Bureau Facts

The following facts are made possible by the invaluable responses to [U.S. Census Bureau surveys](#). We appreciate the public's cooperation as we continuously measure America's people, places, and economy.

VETERAN POPULATION, DID YOU KNOW?

SOURCE: **2022 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 1-YEAR ESTIMATES**

16.2 million : The number of military veterans in the United States in 2022, representing 6.2% of the total civilian population age 18 and over.

1.7 million: The number of female veterans in the United States in 2022, representing 10.3% of the total veteran population.

0.8%: The percentage of veterans in 2022 who served in World War II. Additionally, 4.1% of veterans served in the Korean War, 33.6% in the Vietnam War, 24.4% in the first Gulf War (August 1990 to August 2001), and 26.3% in the second Gulf War (September 2001 or later).

8.6%: The percentage of veterans in 2022 who were Hispanic or Latino (of any race). Additionally, 72.3% of veterans were White alone (not Hispanic or Latino), 12.4% African American, 2.1% Asian American, 0.8% American Indian or Alaska Native, 0.2% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 2.8% Some Other Race. The percentages include only those who reported a single race.

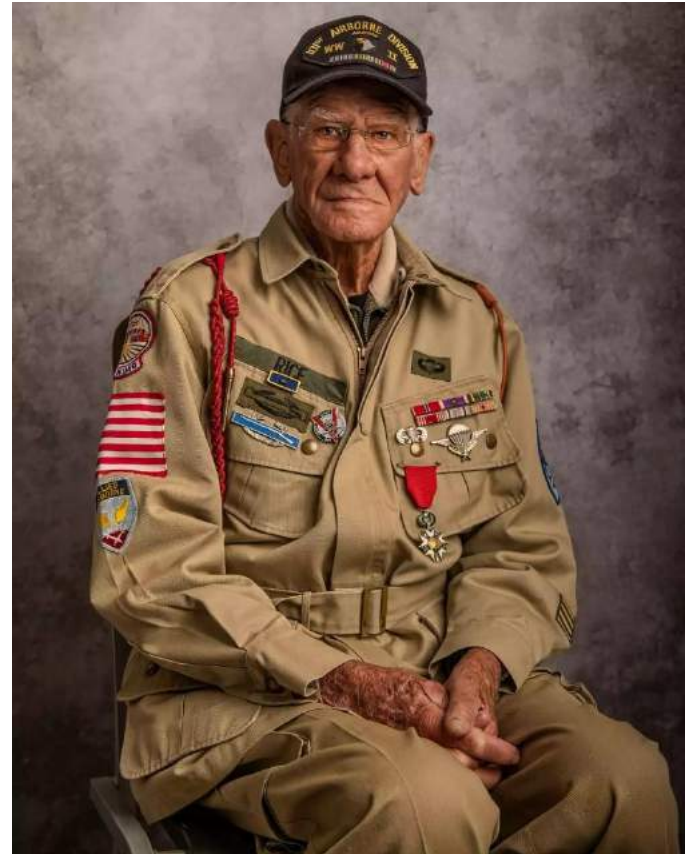
26.5%: The percentage of veteran age 75 and older in 2022. At the other end of the age spectrum, 8.5% of veterans were younger than age 35.

More on Veterans:



<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2023/veterans-day.html>





A VETERAN

A veteran - whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America", for an amount of "up to, and including my life."

That is honor and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.

IT IS THE SOLDIER

The following poem was written by Charles Province but there are many other variations on the common theme. Some substitute Veteran for Soldier but the meaning and sentiment are the same.

Charles M. Province

It is the Soldier, not the minister
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of the press.

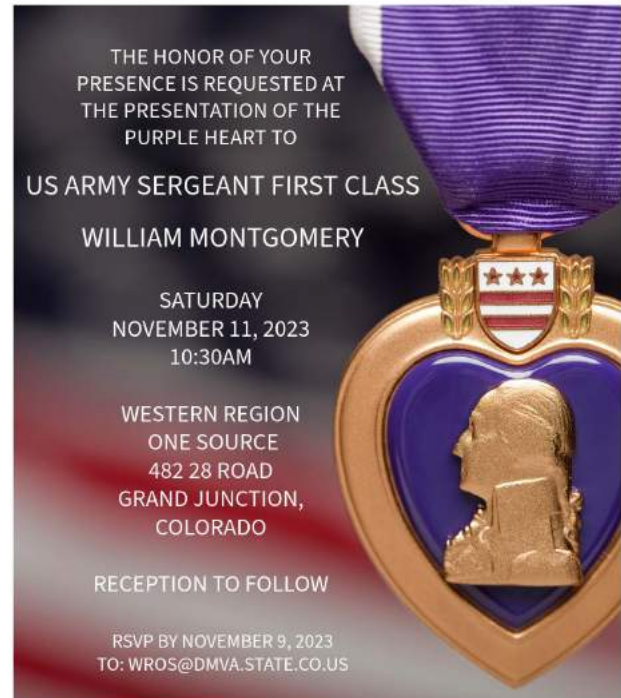
It is the Soldier, not the poet
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer
Who has given us freedom to protest. It is the
Soldier, not the lawyer
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Soldier, not the politician
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

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FIRST THANKSGIVING MENU



Traditional Thanksgiving dinner includes turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes but the First Thanksgiving likely included wildfowl, corn, porridge and venison. Bettmann / Corbis

What Was on the Menu at the First Thanksgiving?

The history of the holiday meal tells us that turkey was always the centerpiece, but other courses have since disappeared.

Today, the traditional Thanksgiving dinner includes any number of dishes: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. But if one were to create a historically accurate feast, consisting of only those foods that historians are certain were served at the so-called “first Thanksgiving,” there would be slimmer pickings. “Wildfowl was there. Corn, in grain form for bread or for porridge, was there. Venison was there,” says Kathleen Wall. “These are absolutes.”

Two primary sources—the only surviving documents that reference the meal—confirm that these staples were part of the harvest celebration shared by the Pilgrims and Wampanoag at Plymouth Colony in 1621. Edward Winslow, an English leader who attended, wrote home to a friend:

“Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help besides, served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others.”

William Bradford, the governor Winslow mentions, also described the autumn of 1621, adding, “And besides waterfowl there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc. Besides, they had about a peck a meal a week to a person, or now since harvest, Indian corn to that proportion.”

But determining what else the colonists and Wampanoag might have eaten at the 17th-

century feast takes some digging. To form educated guesses, read the rest of the story.



<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/what-was-on-the-menu-at-the-first-thanksgiving-511554/>

14 SURPRISING FACTS – T-DAY

14 Surprising Facts You Never Knew About Thanksgiving

From the origin of T.V. dinners to the sounds that turkeys *really* make, there's more to this holiday than meets the eye.

BY [LEAH SILVERMAN](#) AND [KATIE ROBINSON](#) PUBLISHED: OCT 19, 2023

For most of us, [Thanksgiving](#) is a celebration of family, friends, and food; a moment to give a nod to all of the good things in our lives. And yes, to double up on mashed potatoes. But the real history of Thanksgiving is a bit more complicated than Turkey Trots and [pumpkin pies](#)—in fact, it has many layers of spectacle, entrepreneurial spirit, economic recovery, and, naturally, feasting. If you've ever found yourself wondering why we celebrate Thanksgiving, or where some of our seemingly obscure [Thanksgiving traditions](#) come from, read on.

A woman named Sarah Josepha Hale lobbied Congress for years to make Thanksgiving an official holiday.

began in 1827 and was based in national pride; she hoped to make it “permanently, an American custom and institution.”

Originally, Thanksgiving may not have been celebrated in November at all.

may have taken place in mid-October. President Lincoln assigned the holiday to fall on the last Thursday in November,

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving one week earlier.

lengthened holiday shopping season would increase spending and alleviate the effects of the Great Depression.

The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 1924 featured animals from the Central Park Zoo.

there were live bears, elephants, camels, and monkeys from the Central Park Zoo.

Thanksgiving leftovers led to the first ever TV dinner.

Swanson overestimated how much turkey would be consumed on Thanksgiving and had to get creative with 260 tons of leftover poultry.

Benjamin Franklin was very pro-turkey.

the turkey should be the United States' official bird rather than the bald eagle.

The menu for the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth in 1621 likely included lobster, seal, and swans.

feast between Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Native Americans lasted for three days,

Pumpkin pie has been beloved for a long, long time—although, it isn't America's favorite pie.

The American Pie Council is putting an end to the pumpkin vs. apple pie debate.

The "pardoning" of a turkey has become an annual White House tradition... but no one's quite sure who started it.

reprieve from the table going back as far as Abraham Lincoln, though it was far from a regular occurrence.

Thanksgiving Day football games began in the 1870s.

In 1876, Yale played Princeton in the first ever Thanksgiving Day football match.

Female turkeys don't gobble.

Females make other noises, such as purring and cackling.

The day after Thanksgiving is especially busy for plumbers.

as they are sure to clog your drain or overwork your garbage disposal.

There's a very dark side to the day's history.

last Thursday of November is honored by many as a “National Day of Mourning.”

The British don't officially celebrate Thanksgiving, but they do celebrate "Brits-giving."

it wouldn't be a truly British tribute without their own unique take on the holiday.

I hope I've *whet your appetite* for the complete article.



https://www.townandcountrymag.com/leisure/a12779428/why-we-celebrate-thanksgiving-facts/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=arb_ga_toc_md_pmx_us_urlx_17942344289&qclid=Cj0KCQjwy4KqBhD0ARIsAEbCt6iKDz_dUK5GLr8UCdijQOnGj4jDdBXkyrfznc5hJV8MA8CloblyadgaAqu_EALw_wcB

MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH



November was first declared as Military Family Month in 1996. Since then, November has been a time to acknowledge the tremendous sacrifices our military families make. They contend with separation from their families and make adjustments to new living situations and communities. Military Families embody strength, resilience, and courage. Care of military families and children sustains our fighting force, and strengthens the health, security, and safety of our nation's families and communities.

Military Family Appreciation Month is a time set aside to recognize you, the military family.

Military families know what it means to serve. Every day, you get up and support your service member, standing by during long trainings and deployments. You know the risks, but you accept this life of service anyway.

You know service is an honor.

You are the backbone of our military. You are the quiet, but steady fuel at home that keeps the fire burning. You keep track of military pay, benefits and news, because you know they

make a daily difference in your life. And when your time as an actively serving family comes to an end, you support your veteran.

Serving is just what you do.

Traditionally, the president signs a proclamation recognizing that service and declaring November as Military Family Month. Over the month, families just like yours are honored and recognized for their commitment and contributions in support of our military and nation.

Related: [Discounts for Military Family Appreciation Month](#)



<https://www.military.com/military-family-appreciation-month/discounts-for-military-family-appreciation-month-and-beyond.html>



<https://www.military.com/military-family-appreciation-month>

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network

In recognition of this important topic, the NCTSN has compiled a list of resources for military children and families, educators, and civilian and non-civilian mental health providers.



<https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/military-family-month>

National Veterans and Military Families Month Fact Sheet



Every November, the Defense Department and the military community celebrate military families and transitioning veterans during National Veterans and Military Families month.

Join the celebration:

- Free cooking book for families
- Fun giveaways for service providers
- Resources to support your well-being

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/media/toolkits/service-provider/national-veterans-military-families-month>



National Veterans and Military Families Month – Fact Sheet

Helpful Resources Throughout November

Helpful resources

In November, the Defense Department and Military OneSource are showcasing resources at the ready for military families and transitioning veterans on our National Veterans and Military Families Month webpage: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/parenting/family-life/military-family-appreciation/>. Our resources include topics on parenting, adoption and foster care, relationships, families with special needs, surviving family members, financial support and spouse employment. Look for special podcast episodes, a video featuring Sesame Street resources for military families and much more.

We'll also be highlighting resources on our Military OneSource and Spouse Education and Career Opportunities social channels. Follow along and share posts you think will be fun or helpful for families in your community.

Giveaways for military families

We'll be offering a free cooking book to military families to nurture family connections. Find stories and tips for planning nutritious meals, even with busy schedules. The book is available to military service members and their immediate family members, as well as to veterans within 365 days of their post-separation date.

Service providers, Military OneSource also has freebies to support the wonderful work you do! Order Military OneSource 6-in-1 pens, football stress balls, popper fidget wrist strap keychains and sticker sheets. Distribute these fun giveaways at installation events throughout November.

Support whenever it's needed

Military OneSource consultants are available 24/7 all year long. DOD wants to ensure military families have the support they need to enhance their well-being. See all the ways we support military families at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/parenting/family-life/military-family-appreciation/>.

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MY HOSPICE VISIT – OUR MISSION

Bruce Dwyer

Member, 0602-OK-5

Sometimes my Veterans Hospice visits shake me to my core. This was one of those times.

Visited with "Bob" today, for the first time. Bob lives in about a 400 sq. ft. house in a bad part of town. But a neatly kept fenced yard front and back greeted me; and the inside of the house was neat and clean, too.

Bob is an 84-year-old Army vet. He lost his wife 20 years ago. He's lost touch with and is estranged from his son and two daughters.

He has one 93-year-old friend in another state that calls him once a month. No one in his former church visits him anymore. He has no one here that cares about him. -- Except the Hospice team.

He gets one Meals on Wheels meal a day. Two different neighbors go to the store for him – mainly to buy V8 juice, milk, and Kleenex.

In fact, those were the only things in his refrigerator—a small Styrofoam box of food, half a quart of milk and a few small size V8 cans. These two neighbors that get stuff for him - they're not really his friends - they don't always give his change back. They and others also ask him for money. He makes \$1,100/month.

He used to play the guitar, piano and the harpsichord. And entertained at the nursing homes, years ago.

He can't drive anymore and feels trapped in his own home. He thought of suicide—so he gave away his gun. He wants to go into a nursing home soon because he's very lonely.

He has LARGE (inoperable, no treatment) cancer tumors on his face; They leak. It's bad. Goes through a box of Kleenex a day. Yet, between once in a while tears/emotional stress, he smiles and retains some sense of humor and a strong faith in our Lord.

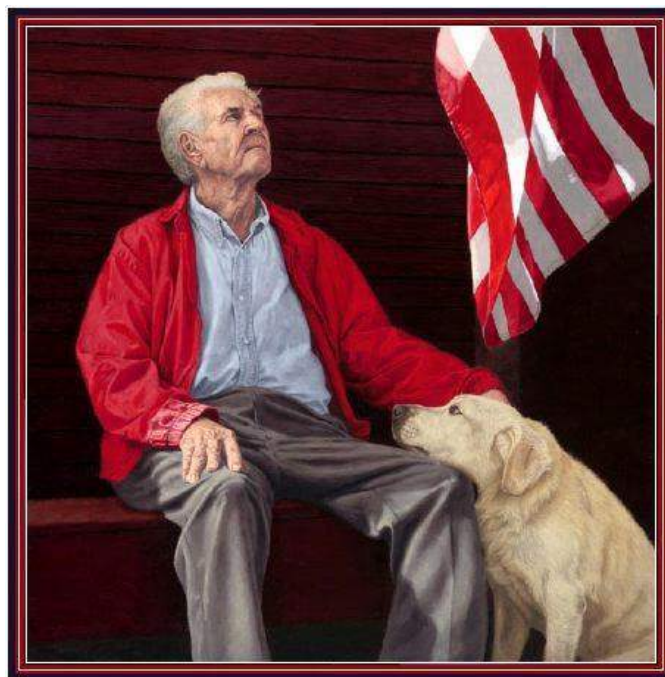
Pastor Dan and I talked at length with him, and I got him to laugh and smile a bit more. I read Psalm 23 and then we all held hands while Dan said a long prayer.

Oh, and Bob has (beginning) Dementia and knows it. Unlike most veterans I visit—he has MAYBE 6 months left. Most of mine pass very soon.

One visit. So, I think I'll start coming to see him, maybe once a week. I'll bring a quart of milk and some V8's.....

Thank you, Lord, for all that you have given me. And please show mercy and whatever is the best ending for Bob, soon.

Also please bless all those other poor souls and innocents who are suffering and less fortunate than I.



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Carlton Cannon

National Chaplain

BE ENCOURAGED WHEN YOU PRAY

Read **Isaiah 65:17-25**: “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. **18)** But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. **19)** I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. **20)** No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. **21)** They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. **22)** They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. **23)** They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord and their descendants with them. **24)** Before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear. **25)** The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” **says the LORD!**

The vision of the “new heavens” and the “new earth” in **Isaiah 65** is a prophesy of heaven. It sees the blessings of the world to come as also in some measure overlapping the present life of the believer. The elimination of premature death in both children and adults (**v. 20**), does not promise that there will be no more death on earth, any more than it implies that death will continue in heaven. What it does say is that GOD'S promise of life in the gospel is real and substantial both in time and eternity. In other words, the character of new life in CHRIST in the gospel is also in view. With the LORD'S blessing, we will see our homes established, our work made fruitful, and our families flourishing (**vv. 21-23**). The mention of prayer, in **verse 24**, clearly anticipates

the unhindered fellowship in heaven between GOD and his people, but it also gives us promises for our present praying that can only encourage us to call on the LORD with the expectancy of blessings! What a comfort and encouragement it is to know we can pray with expectation because the LORD already has in mind both our real need and HIS perfect answer. **WHAT GREATER ENCOURAGEMENT COULD THERE BE TO CALL UPON THE ALMIGHTY GOD IN PRAYER?!**

“Dear GOD; as tensions seem to be mounting among mankind, I pray for peace and patience. Please soften the hardened hearts so that love will flow rather than hate. Let each of us look at each other with trust. Please help replace the judgmental attitudes with support and sympathy. Remove the negative assumptions and let all see the best in everyone. I know that your love can conquer all. Only with YOU can the strife be erased. Strengthen us so that it matters more to be kind than it does to be right. Let YOUR LOVE guide our every action!”

National Chaplain MOPH

Carlton Cannon

BUGLES ACROSS AMERICA

Tom Lasser

Member 0210-CA-6

Bugles Across America, NFP was founded in 2000 by Tom Day, when Congress passed legislation stating that Veterans have a right to at least two uniformed military people to fold the flag and play Taps on a CD player. Bugles Across America was founded to take this a step further. In recognition of the service these Veterans have provided to their country, we felt that they each deserve a live rendition of Taps by a real bugler. To this end, we are actively seeking capable volunteers to provide this valuable service to Veterans and their families.

Bugles Across America now has over 4000 bugler volunteers located in all 50 states and a growing number overseas. Since the Department of Veterans Affairs is expecting more than 1/2 million veterans to pass every

year for the next 7 years, Bugles Across America is ALWAYS recruiting new volunteers.

Bugler Volunteers can be male or female. They can play a traditional bugle with no valves, or they can complete the ceremony on a Trumpet, Cornet, Flugelhorn, or a 1, 2 or 3 valved bugle. The bugler can be of any age as long as they can sound Taps with an ease and style that will do honor to both the Veterans, their families, and the burial detail performing the service. There are no fees or dues to participate as a volunteer, although there are certain directives that must be followed.



<https://www.buglesacrossamerica.org/>

MEDAL OF HONOR QUIZ ANSWERS

1. How many women are on the Medal of Honor rolls? Two, but only one actually received the MOH.
2. How many recipients received their Medal based on action on US soil after 1898. One, Joe P. Marinez for action in Alaska. See our featured article for details.
3. How many fathers and sons both received the Medal? Two (2) MacArthur and Roosevelt
4. How many brothers both received the Medal? Seven (7) Black, Capehart, Galloway, Gaujot, Miller, Pond, Thompson
5. How many uncles and their nephew both received the Medal? Two (2) Castle, Fletcher



<https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/lists/related-recipients>



<https://homeofheroes.com/medal-of-honor/medal-of-honor-facts/>

THE MOPH FUND, INC. UPDATE

Larry Leighton

Board Director and Treasurer



“Our sole purpose is to raise funds for programs executed by the **Military Order of the Purple Heart.**”

The Board of Directors continues to search for funding sources that will allow us to adequately fund the Order’s mission and programs.

As seen throughout the magazine, we have established partnerships with vendors that not only benefit the Fund (read this as the Order) but also directly benefit the Chapters and Auxiliary Units. You can read more about each of these partnerships and their contributions on the Fund’s Partners, Ambassador, and our newest CARS pages.



<https://mophfund.org/>

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The American Dream Programs Ambassador Program has the **potential** – with Member, Chapter, and Unit help – to generate over \$1.2 million dollars for the Order/Auxiliary.

While this seems like a big number today, it is not going to happen overnight but can grow to that amount. The figure is calculated based on only half of our active chapters (those who submitted an election report this year) signing up five (5) new Ambassadors each month.

New Ambassadors **do not have to be members** of the Order or the Auxiliary. In fact, our assumption is Chapters and Units will use this program as one of their ongoing fundraisers. Each new Ambassador results in a \$25 donation to the Chapter/Unit and a \$50

donation to the Fund. This equates to over \$400 thousand annually to Chapters/Units and over \$800 thousand to the Fund for Order programs.

If you have any questions or need help with additional promotional material, please contact me at treasurer@mophfund.org or 844-MOPHFUND (844-667-4386).

CARS PROGRAM



In late October, the Fund partnered with Charitable Adult Rides and Services (CARS), a nonprofit social enterprise owned by a nonprofit **supporting only nonprofits**

through vehicle donations.

We have not started marketing our partnership yet, but we do have our donation page and donation number and we will soon have it integrated into mophfund.org.

MOPH Fund will receive 70% of the net proceeds of each vehicle, this is the amount left over after subtracting the essential costs of picking up and selling the vehicle from the gross sales price. There aren’t any sign-up fees, management fees, or annual fees.

• **Vehicle Donation Web Page:** <https://careasy.org/nonprofit/moph-fund-inc>



• **Vehicle Donation Toll-Free Number:** 855-500-7433 | 855-500-RIDE

There is not enough space in the magazine to explain every aspect of the program or answer all questions, but you can read more about CARS and the vehicle donation program at our Vehicle Donation page (above) or by going directly to the CARS site. Watch for more

details soon and plan on spreading the word through your personal, professional, and Chapter/Unit communications channels.



<https://careasy.org/home>

HOW TO DO FUNDRAISING

Tracey Brown-Greene, Board Chair, and Larry Leighton, Treasurer, have been participating in fundraising training programs from Donorly.

Donorly was founded on the premise that donor research is an essential element for all successful development operations — but we knew that small shops needed a cost-effective solution to hiring a full-time staff member. We designed a way to provide professional donor research to even the smallest nonprofit teams and have expanded along the way. Now we provide small organizations with all the tools that larger ones have in-house. After all, why should they have all the fun?

YOU CAN HELP

We all know fundraising takes work and “a village”.

The MOPH Fund Board of Directors is always looking for volunteers to give us a hand. Here are some opportunities that might fit your skill set or interest:

- researching for grant opportunities
- writing grant requests
- website design
- CRM management
- Writing thank-you letters/notes.

If you think you might be interested in being on the team, please contact Tracey at chair@mophfund.org or 240-482-5500.

FUNdraising COMING SOON!

Colleen Orfanello

Past President, MOPHA

Members of the MOPH Auxiliary are getting creative when it comes to FUNdraising! This year, MOPHA National Jr. Vice President, Teviah Gilliard, will be taking orders for custom designed Purple Heart themed shirts, selling greeting cards, and other items. FUNdraising items will be announced in early December. Shirts with Purple Hearts, MOPH logos. MOPHA logos, and Associate logos will be available. Each shirt is made of 95% polyester and 5% spandex. The fabric is a slightly stretchy, 4-way stretch fabric, and smooth to the touch, soft, amazingly comfortable, lightweight, and quick to dry.



Pictured: Teviah Gilliard, Patriots Mac McInnis (wearing “Purple Palms”) and Deron Santiny (wearing “Florida Oranges”).





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Body Pain

the *RaphaRub* story . . .

We had no intention of creating a business. My father-in-law's neuropathy had worsened to the point that his foot pain was so severe, he could not take 3 steps without falling. He was an active, athletic man, and being relegated to the sofa caused thoughts of suicide. My wife, Journee, would not sit back and watch. She asked some Amish folks for potential answers. They introduced her to the unique benefits of cannabis. She studied and experimented and came up with a formula for a balm and sent some to her father in Arizona.

Dad quickly announced after applying some to his feet, "I was able to take 6 steps today, but don't get excited." Soon after, he began going fishing, painted his house on ladders, did gardening, got a new dog, and bragged that he walked his dog twice a day, a mile each time.

Word spread near and far and, with the help of some pastors, we were getting requests for samples from across the country, for which we were glad to send out mini-Tupperware-containers-full to anyone who asked. The testimonials came quickly and someone asked, "Hey, can I buy some of this from you?" ***RaphaRub was born.***

We know it helped with pain of neuropathy and soon learned from ***RaphaRub*** users that it was effective for so much more (we had no idea). Fibromyalgia, deep muscle/joint/bone/tendon pain, arthritis, inflammation, psoriasis, eczema, acne, scoliosis, sciatica, even headache/migraines and severe menstrual cramps. Then we heard about how it relieved glaucoma, how people were forestalling surgeries, gaining range of movement in knuckles, knees, shoulders. Almost everyone reported relief in less than 10 minutes and that the more they used ***RaphaRub***, the less they needed it.

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Journee Jacobs, Ron Baron / husband and wife – founders

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CMOH FOR ACTION ON US SOIL WORLD WAR II

Larry Leighton

Purple Heart Magazine Editor

This article was made possible by Patriot Dennis Toman, 5354-DK-3. Dennis called after reading the Sep-Oct issue and asked if I knew how many World War II Congressional Medals of Honor (CMOH) had been awarded for action on US soil. I did not but assumed there had to be several given the actions at Pearl Harbor on December 7th.

Dennis quickly informed me Pearl Harbor did not count as it was “only a territory” at the time and the correct answer is only one – awarded to Private Joe Martinez for his actions on Attu Island, Alaska, May 26, 1943.

The pages following the citation were provided by Joe’s family from the Look Magazine (2-22/1944) and the Greeley (Colo) Tribune (June 11, 1977). You will need to zoom in to read without straining.



JOE P MARTINEZ

- **RANK:** PRIVATE
- **CONFLICT/ERA:** WORLD WAR II
- **UNIT/COMMAND:**
COMPANY K, 32D INFANTRY,
7TH INFANTRY DIVISION
- **MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH:** U.S.
ARMY
- **MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE:** MAY
26, 1943
- **MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION
PLACE:** ATTU ISLAND, ALASKA,
ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy. Over a period of several days, repeated efforts to drive the enemy from a key defensive position high in the snow-covered precipitous mountains between east arm of Holtz Bay and Chichogof Harbor had failed. On 26 May 1943, troop dispositions were readjusted and a trial coordinated attack on this position by a reinforced battalion was launched. Initially successful, the attack hesitated. In the face of severe hostile machine-gun, rifle, and mortar fire, Pvt. Martinez, an automatic rifleman, rose to his feet and resumed his advance. Occasionally he stopped to urge his comrades on. His example inspired others to follow. After a most difficult climb, Pvt. Martinez eliminated resistance from part of the enemy position by BAR fire and hand grenades, thus assisting the advance of other attacking elements. This success only partially completed the action. The main Holtz-Chichogof Pass rose about 150 feet higher, flanked by steep rocky ridges and reached a snow-filled defile. Passage was barred by enemy fire from either flank and from tiers of snow trenches in front. Despite these obstacles, and knowing of their existence, Pvt. Martinez again led the troops on and up, personally silencing several trenches with BAR fire and ultimately reaching the pass itself. Here, just below the knifelike rim of the pass, Pvt. Martinez encountered a final enemy-occupied trench and as he was engaged in firing into it he was mortally wounded. The pass, however, was taken and its capture was an important preliminary to the end of organized hostile resistance on the island.

Private Joseph Pantillion Martinez's Medal of Honor

The first Medal of Honor awarded to a Hispanic American in World War II was also the first awarded for actions on the North American continent since 1898.



Statue of Joseph P. Martinez in Denver, Colorado. Image courtesy of René & Peter van der Krogt.

The next few pages are from the Feb 22, 1944 issue of Look Magazine, copied from an original issue by Joe's family. You can read the rest of the story on these links.



<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/private-joseph-pantillion-martinez-medal-of-honor>



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Behind the Scenes with LOOK

Under the instructions of the Editors (The Editors of LOOK are known by many names that begin with "LOOK" and end with "LOOK") the staff of LOOK has been working hard to bring you the most interesting and up-to-date news from the world of entertainment. We are proud to have you as our readers and we hope you will find this issue as interesting and up-to-date as the others.

COVER picture of dancer Lois Barnes. She is the only woman in the world who has been named "Miss America" three times. She is also the only woman who has been named "Miss America" three times.



Martinez Shows the Way

On icy Attu, an American soldier demonstrates what one brave man can do

Pvt. Joe Martinez, a 23-year-old farm worker from Ault, Colo., made his name and lost his life on Attu. Joe's company landed on May 13, fought constantly for two weeks, gradually pushing the Japs back. Then, on May 26, his outfit attacked Chichagof Pass. Jap fire was so se-

vere the whole attack stalled. While the regimental commander wondered what could be done, Joe Martinez provided the answer. His heroism assured capture of the pass, which in turn helped end Jap resistance. Joe was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

STORY BY DON WHARTON—DRAWINGS BY FRED LUDEKENS—35TH IN LOOK'S AMERICAN HEROES SERIES



1 Heavy fire from Jap foxholes and snow trenches halts two infantry companies attacking Chichagof Pass. Artillery preparations have gone on all day, but the attack is now stalled. As the regimental commander ponders means of getting it started again, Joe Martinez rises, moves forward, pauses, turns and beckons his comrades to follow.

2 Inspired by the little private (standing only five feet four, weighing only 119), a few infantrymen began moving toward the Pass. Joe advances at a half crouch, occasionally firing his Browning automatic rifle. He is under Jap fire but keeps going. He stops and again beckons the others to come on. More follow his example and leave cover.



3 Martinez reaches a steep slope covered with snow and ice. He kicks footholds in the ice, claws around with his hands, inches himself up toward the Japs. By now the whole line is advancing; and when Joe gets to the top, other infantrymen are swarming over. They clear the Japs out and reorganize for a still tougher job: advancing up a second steep slope to the pass itself.



4 The Japs hold their fire while the Americans reorganize, but open up when our troops tackle the second steep climb. The fire pins our men down and all Joe Martinez' great work seems to have come to nothing. Then the little private rises again, starts up the last steep slope, firing at the Japs and beckoning to his buddies. They press behind him and soon reach the pass.



5 Our men swarm over Chichagof Pass, rush the Jap foxholes and trenches, quickly mop up. Joe is hit while firing at Japs on the other side of the Pass. A few hours later he dies, surrounded by doctors. But the Pass is ours; the Japanese hold on Attu nears an end. And in a war in which everyone talks about machines, Joe Martinez has shown what one man can do.

Joseph P. Martinez Hall

Ft. Ord welcome center named for Weld Medal of Honor winner

By MIKE PETERS
Tribune Staff Writer

Another of a long list of posthumous honors has been bestowed on Joseph P. Martinez, the WWII soldier from Ault who was Colorado's first Congressional Medal of Honor winner.

Martinez was killed in action on May 26, 1943, while leading an attack against enemy fire on Attu Island in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska.

Attending ceremonies recently at Ft. Ord Army Headquarters in California, were Joseph's brother, Delphinio Martinez and his wife from Ault, and Joseph's nephew, Lupe Vigil, and his wife, Loveland.

The Ft. Ord Welcome Center was designated as Martinez Hall by Maj. Gen. Robert L. Kirwan, Commander of the 7th Infantry Division and of Ft. Ord. Martinez was the first Medal of Honor winner of the 7th Infantry Division.

Other memorial dedications to Martinez include the Pvt. Joe B. Martinez Plaza at the Pueblo Army Depot, Joe B. Martinez Park in Denver, and in 1944, an ocean-going cargo ship was named after him.

The first soldier of Private rank to receive the Medal of Honor, Martinez has been honored in a book, "Beyond the Call of Duty," and in numerous newspaper and magazine articles. On Jan. 4, 1940, the Denver Catholic Register ran a story of Martinez' life and a cartoon

strip depicting his heroic efforts.

According to those stories and reports, Martinez was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941, shortly after his brother.

Delphinio also served in combat, with the 90th Division of the Third Army under Gen. George Patton. He was in the Normandy Invasion on June 6, 1944, and was in the Battle of the Bulge. He was in Czechoslovakia when the war ended, and was discharged in November, 1945.

When Joseph was drafted, he was 22 years old, and was working on a farm east of Ault. First sent to the induction center in Denver, he was then transferred to several stateside Army camps for basic training.

Joseph sailed with his battalion from Seattle on April 12, 1943, to the Aleutian Islands, where Japanese had been holding several islands, secretly occupying United States territory.

When the battalion landed on Attu, the U.S. soldiers were bogged down for several days, unable to move against the Japanese force, which were maintaining strongholds high in the island's mountains.

On May 26, the battalion received orders to advance, and an attack was launched.

According to the commendation by Maj. Gen. Kirwan, "Initially successful, the attack hesitated. In the face of severe machine gun, rifle and mortar fire, Pvt. Martinez rose to his feet and resumed his advance. Occasionally

stopping to urge his comrades on, he inspired others to follow. Pvt. Martinez eliminated resistance from part of the enemy position by automatic rifle fire and hand grenades."

The attack again stalled, because the enemy was entrenched in the snow-covered mountain ridges ahead, and the troops hesitated when ordered to attack again.

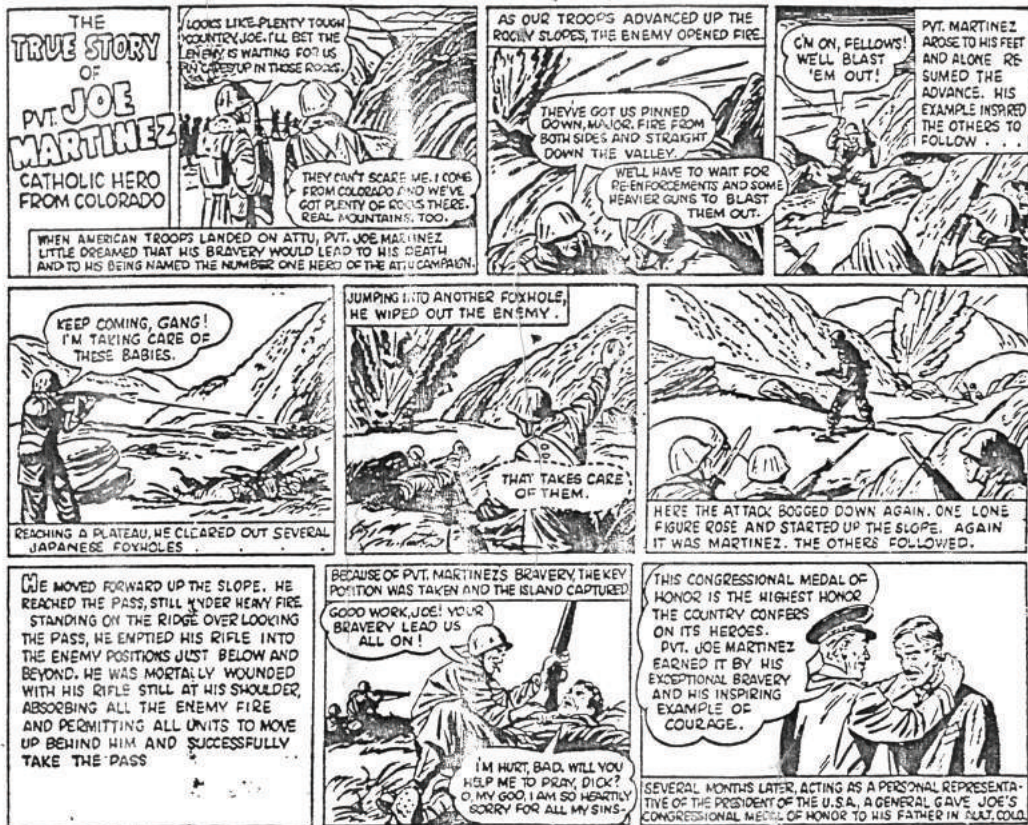
"Despite the obstacles, Pvt. Martinez again led the troops on and up." Kirwan continued, "personally silencing several trenches with his rifle fire, and ultimately he reached the pass."

Just below the pass, Pvt. Martinez encountered the final enemy occupied trench, and was shot and killed. Some reports state he died of a shot in the back from an enemy soldier who was presumed dead.

The pass was later taken by the U.S. forces, and its capture was an important part of the battle which was won by the American forces, and the island was reclaimed by the U.S.

The posthumous Medal of Honor was awarded to Joseph Martinez in a ceremony in Liberty Park in Ault on Nov. 16, 1943.

Martinez' father, Manuel, accepted the medal from Gen. Frank L. Culin, and said "Joe never felt those bullets. He just figured he had a job to do and went ahead and did it. He was doing something for others, the way he always used to do around here."



CARTOON RECALLS HEROISM — This cartoon, published in the Denver Catholic Register on Jan. 4, 1946, dramatically tells the story of how Joe Martinez of Ault became the first Colorado recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Hall.

Several memorial honors have been bestowed posthumously on Martinez, the most recent the renaming of the Ft. Ord (Calif.) Welcome Center as Martinez Hall.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT CHALLENGE COINS

John R. Moore

Department Jr. Vice-Commander



For all you MOPH Coin Collectors, the new AZ Department challenge coins have been received. They are very nice coins and help fund the Department and Chapter programs. They are \$20 each. Contact John Moore at mophchapter442@comcast.net to place your order.

FORMER POW, COL. EDWARD L. HUBBARD

Rodger Ely

Commander, 0793-AZ-6

On National POW/MIA Recognition Day



Former POW, Col. Edward L. Hubbard (L) and Rodger Ely

As chapter commander I was proud to meet and listen to an inspiring speech by Former POW, Col. Edward L. Hubbard, a survivor of six and a half years of captivity in North Vietnam from 1966 to 1973, He considers his greatest accomplishment to be sharing his lessons of survival with others. As a motivational speaker, and president of Positive Vectors, Inc., Hubbard encourages others to

overcome adversity and reach beyond their goals by developing a positive, focused state of mind.

He served 28 years in the military. Since his release from captivity, Hubbard went on to achieve much success in his military career and as an author and motivational speaker. Hubbard's has more than 60 commendations and service medals, including the Silver Star for combat service, the Legion of Merit for sustained exemplary service, the Distinguished Flying Cross for exemplary aerial combat, the Bronze Star with a "V" for valor, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart for being wounded by an enemy force in combat.

UofA – PURPLE HEART UNIVERSITY

Mike Dyer

Commander, 0442-AZ-6



The University of Arizona is a Purple Heart University. At our chapter meeting **Mr. Bruce Grissom, Director of Veterans Education & Transition Services at the UofA**, spoke to the chapter. Mr. Grissom highlighted the services and programs provided to the 5,500 veterans and military students at the university. The Arizona Tuition Waiver program provides eligible Purple Heart recipients with a tuition-free education (up to a Bachelor's degree) at the university. Eligibility is a current member of the Arizona National Guard who received a Purple Heart Citation after 09/11/01. Or a person who is a former member of the United States Armed Forces who received a Purple

Heart AND was an Arizona resident or stationed in Arizona at the time of the injury that resulted in the Purple Heart AND has a VA disability rating of 50% or more.

JOHN GRAND- ARIZONA REPRESENTATIVE

John Moore

Adjutant, 0442-AZ-6



Chapter Member John Grand is the National Purple Heart Honor Project Arizona Honoree for 2023. In mid-September John represented his fellow Purple Heart heroes as Arizona's representative at a multi-day tribute to the courage and sacrifice of America's combat wounded. John received an all-expenses-paid trip that included visits to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, historic Washington's Headquarters, a special tour of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and other locations.



John Grand and a 99-year-old Purple Heart recipient wounded twice when he landed on Normandy Beach during WWII.

The 99 yr. old made every trip on the tour and was the star of the Purple Heart Project tour. During the final ceremony, we were all sitting on a stage, and he tried to straighten his jacket collar when the guest speaker, a 4-star General reached over and helped him, the master of ceremonies commented that our 99-year-old was most likely the only private that ever had a 4-star General for an aide.

To learn about the Purple Heart Honor Mission, go to url: <https://www.purpleheartmission.org/>

YORKTOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Eugene Lang

Jr Vice Commander, 0021-NY-1

Members of MOPH Chapter 21 and their family had the pleasure of attending Yorktown Music festival this August, 2023.



(L to R) Commander Andrew Amen, Sr. Vice Commander Christopher Moran, John Frantangelo, Neil Gross, Jr. Vice Commander Eugene Lang, and the young ladies Anna Amenn and Stella Amenn.

SAFE SPACE, HAPPY PLACE

Kerry Ruiz, Tai Chi Specialist

2023 National Convention Vendor

Most of my professional career has been in front of people attempting to guide them towards their “happy place.” Initially, I was a corporate trainer in the banking industry, teaching customer service and sales skills that eventually led me to executive coaching and motivation. I always LOVED to see my class attendees light-up when they grasped a concept or gained courage to speak in public; but it wasn’t “MY” happy place. I wasn’t sure what my happy place was, but I was sure it had less to do with tangible products and more to do with helping others have a healthy body, mind, and soul. So, I wondered to myself, “What additional skills do I need that would allow me to lead others to their happy place”? The answer soon presented itself.

That awesome day occurred as my wife, and I were discussing an article she had come across about Tai Chi and its many health benefits for individuals battling everything from high blood pressure and balance issues to depression and PTSD. The article went on to mention that the Veterans Administration was now recognizing Tai Chi as a form of complementary, integrative health as a healing modality for veterans with PTSD, TBI and depression. I immediately knew that I had discovered my path forward in regard to finding my happy place.

Fast forward to today, I am now a certified Tai Chi/Qigong instructor and an active provider in the VA Community Care Network. This means that I provide Tai Chi instruction to veterans who have received a referral from their VA primary care physician for complimentary and integrative health services. I currently work with veterans from across the United States with everything from PTSD to Parkinsons and Chronic Pain Syndrome.

I am truly blessed to work with America’s heroes each day utilizing Tai Chi to provide

relief and hope. Relief comes in the form of breathing exercises which ease symptoms of anxiety and stress. It comes in the form of being able to perform poses that were once impossible due to joint or muscle pain. Hope comes as attendees learn that they have the power and ability to feel better mentally, physically, and emotionally.



Tai Chi has been called the perfect exercise. Why? Because the key elements of the practice include low impact movements with thoughtful breathing and visualization which take participants from a fight or flight condition to a calm, rest or relax mode. Our time together is healing, and our minds are simply at rest - allowing our nervous system to take a much-needed break. Our worries subside and the possibilities seem limitless...we realize through the power of Tai Chi we can go to our happy place whenever we want or need to.

Veterans may receive complimentary Tai Chi classes by letting your VA caregiver know that you want to participate. Classes can be taken via zoom or in person.

More information can be accessed through your VA Health care provider or by visiting Kerry Ruiz, Tai Chi Sponsor of the 2023 National Convention at www.FeelAliveAndWell.com or by emailing him at Kerry@FeelAliveAndWell.com. Kerry is a board member of the National Qigong Association, a Brain-Health Trainer, and Life Coach. He is also Mental-Health-First-Aid Certified.

PSYCHEDELIC-ASSISTED PSYCHOTHERAPY

Cassandra Bailey
Metropolitan State University of Denver

My name is Cassandra Bailey, and I am a faculty member at Metropolitan State University of Denver. I am writing to recruit participants for a research study aimed at examining attitudes and general knowledge towards psychedelics and Psychedelic-Assisted Psychotherapy. **You are eligible to participate in this study if you are over the age of 18.**

If you decide to participate in this study, you will be asked to respond to survey questions regarding your demographics, profession, and attitudes towards Psychedelic-Assisted Psychotherapy. Your involvement in the research should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. You only have to answer the questions that you feel comfortable answering, and you may stop participating at any time for any reason.

Participation in this study is completely voluntary; you can choose to partake in the study or not. If you would like to participate, please click this link:



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Further, if you know someone who is eligible and may be interested in completing this survey, please do not hesitate to send them the link. Data collection will continue until we have reached our anticipated sample size.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact me at 303-605-7985 or cbaile43@msudenver.edu

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration!

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Participants Needed



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OF DENVER

Participation is
completely
voluntary

Opinions about Psychedelic-Assisted Psychotherapy

Eligible Participants

- Must be 18 years or older

The duration of the study is approximately 10-15 minutes

You will be asked to answer questions about your profession, demographics, and attitudes towards Psychedelic-Assisted Psychotherapy to understand your perspectives on this subject. If you would like to participate, please use this link:

https://msudenver.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bQvGwJfK1QxV1pl

This research has been approved
by the Metropolitan State University
of Denver Institutional Review Board

Have Questions?

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QUILTS OF VALOR

Jo Keller
Commander, Department of California



If you do not have a local quilting group your Chapter or Unit is already involved with, please consider getting involved with this group.

Nominate your heroes to receive this well-deserved and special honor. You can have the presentations at your chapters, at home or wherever the veteran may be at the time.



Click on the link to read the history of the program and nominate your Patriots. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or require assistance.



[Nominations & Awards | Quilts of Valor Foundation \(qovf.org\)](https://www.qovf.org)

SKY VALLEY, GA – NEW PURPLE HEART CITY

Lou Zayas
GA Dept Jr Vice Cdr

On October 22nd, 2023, The City Sky Valley, Georgia was named a Purple Heart City. The Department of Georgia Junior Vice Commander Lou Zayas was in attendance to receive and announce the proclamation. Pictured Below is Dept of GA Jr. Vice Cdr and Bruce Gant from the City of Sky Valley.



STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF RABUN

PROCLAMATION NO. 23-01

A PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GA AS A PURPLE HEART CITY

WHEREAS, on August 7, 1782, George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit, which was the first medal authorized for enlisted soldiers in the Continental Army to recognize a "singularly meritorious action" by a soldier; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 1932, US Army Chief of Staff Douglas MacArthur established the Purple Heart Award in the spirit of the Badge of Military Merit in honor of George Washington's bicentennial birthday and authorized the award for soldiers in the US Army who are wounded or lose their lives in military action and August 7th is annually recognized as Purple Heart Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt expanded the Purple Heart Award to other branches of the US Military; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sky Valley appreciates the sacrifices of all of its military veterans, combat veterans, Purple Heart recipients, and their families for the sacrifices that they have made in defending our freedoms and wants to express gratitude and honor them;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Hollie Stell, Mayor of the City of Sky Valley, hereby proclaims the City of Sky Valley as a Purple Heart City and encourage residents and businesses of Sky Valley to show their appreciation for sacrifices Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show the honor and support they have earned.

SO PROCLAIMED, this 17th day of October, 2023.

APPROVED:
Hollie Stell
HOLLIE STELL, MAYOR

FOREVER MORE POSTERS

Russ Ward
Chapter 0187-NY-1



New York State Chapter #187 now has an all weatherproof, full color patriotic sign 12" by 18" for only \$10.00 each to promote our American Flag and Purple Heart Medal. These signs could be displayed at your home or at local businesses to raise patriotism in your communities. If your chapter would like to use these signs as a fundraiser, a donation of \$20.00 or more could be asked for.

(A portion of profits from our sales will be given to national headquarters).

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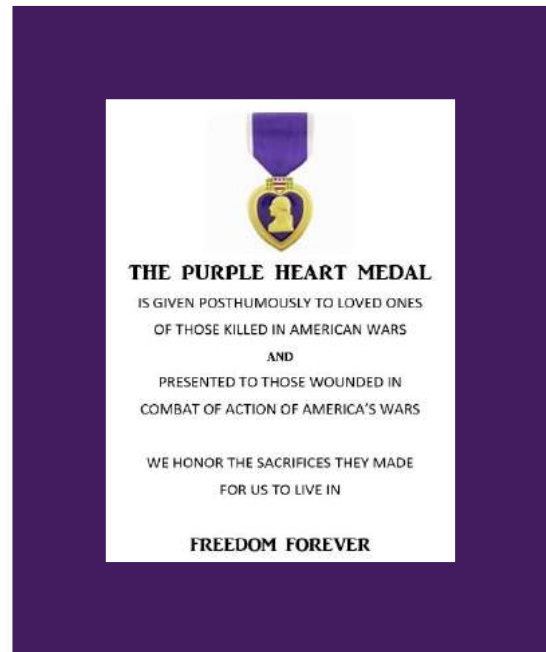
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PURPLE HEART MEDAL PLAQUES

Russ Ward
Chapter 0187-NY-1



Chapter #187 now has a full color Acrylic Purple Heart Medal Plaque 14" by 18" with 3-D Medalion to be displayed indoors at Homes, Schools, Community Centers, Libraries, etc. to honor all those killed or wounded in combat of America's Wars.

(A portion of profits will be given to national headquarters)

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ANGEL OF DEATH

Larry Leighton

Commander, 0691-AZ-6



Patriot John Blehm and his wife Karen were our guest speakers at our October 14th meeting. Together they wrote **Angel of Death** which has been translated into other languages to help Veterans in other countries suffering from Post Traumatic Stress. Commander Leighton gave each one of our new Department Challenge Coins.

For many soldiers, there is a war after the war. After experiencing the horrifying aspects of war, many soldiers are afflicted with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, termed by some as "cancer of the soul". In *Angel of Death*, John Blehm tells of his wartime experiences and the thirty-eight years he has been suffering from PTSD. The book is a combination of an original work, *Death Angel*, and an additional nine chapters written ten years after the first edition. These chapters chronicle Blehm's journey with PTSD and the way he found peace through his faith in God. *Angel of Death* is written with the help of his wife, Karen, and is for soldiers and their families who wonder if they will ever reconnect with society. It is written for those who are asked to lay down their weapons and return to civilian life but seem to have lost the necessary pieces for this transition. It is a message of hope for those who have lost it and cannot seem to come back, and it is the testimony of a tortured soul who has found peace within.

Copies **Angel of Death** are available on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/Angel-Death-Vietnam-Experience-Overcome/dp/0595463568).



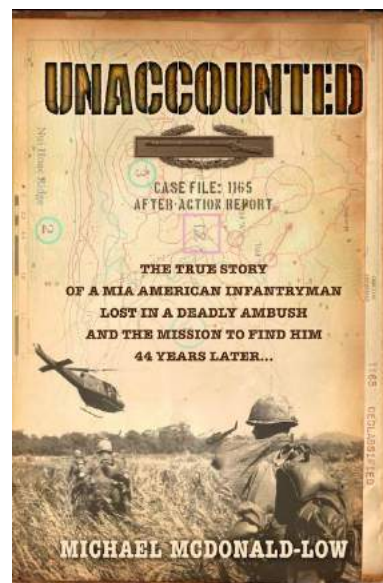
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UNACCOUNTED

Michael McDonald-Low

Member 1513-TX-5

Platoon Leader and Company Commander... RVN 1967-68. . . D/1/20, 11th LIB



The Vietnam War was an ugly, brutal conflict that ended lives and tortured its survivors.

Nobody knows that better than the infantry grunts who served in northern I Corp - Que Son Valley area of

operations. More U.S. Army infantrymen and Marines died there than at any other location in Vietnam. More medals for heroism were awarded in this region than in any other single combat location.

On 5 May 1968, the downing of two helicopters in the Que Son Valley marked the beginning of the North Vietnamese Army's second Tet offensive and their goal of destroying all U.S. forces. At 1728 hours, Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry conducted a combat air assault to join Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry at the helicopters fatally downed location.

During the next six days, their experiences would set the stage for a three-month-long battle that lasted only hours for some. In

the end, there would be more than 2,300 dead and wounded, and one American soldier missing in action. It will take over 44 years to find his location. UNACCOUNTED is his story.

Link to the book.

https://www.amazon.com/UNACCOUNTED-Michael-McDonald-Low-ebook/dp/B092WTK254/ref=sr_1_1?qid=1638398036&refinements=p_27%3AMichael+McDonald-Low&s=digital-text&sr=1-1

About the author: I am a former infantry officer who served in Vietnam in 1967-68 and was appointed by the Defense Prisoner of War Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) as the first-ever Southeast Asia Veteran Liaison. As the Veteran Liaison, I participated in Southeast Asia case analysis and reviewed background information and investigative reporting related to unresolved ground loss cases in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia; I have investigated some of America's most challenging and complicated mysteries as documented in my award winning, non-fiction book, *Unaccounted*. I also have been featured internationally in Stars & Stripes. I have four novels in circulation: *Terminal Impulses*, *Down the River*, *Deviant Identities* and *The Alpha Construct*.

WARNER SCHLAUPITZ, US ARMY, WWII

Carlton Cannon

Member 1787-DE-1



Delaware recently celebrated with SGT Warner Schlaupitz during his "Century Birthday" (04/08/1923). He served during WWII (02/1943 - 12/1945). He earned the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart Medals for his action in combat. Help us salute a hero!

100-year-old WWII veteran plans to bench press 100 pounds this year: 'That's my goal'.

Schlaupitz was drafted into the service and served in World War II from 1942-1945 in the 24th Infantry Division. He said he spent two full years on the front lines in the Philippines, where he revealed he had a few hand-to-hand combat encounters.

"I went through battle, and it was very difficult," Schlaupitz said. "We lost a lot of people."

Schlaupitz was wounded in combat and later honored with a Purple Heart, along with a Bronze Star and Silver Star for his acts of heroism while serving.

"I went through battle, and it was very difficult."

Full report and additional pictures courtesy of [Live Now Fox News](#).





AMERICAN DREAM AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The American Dream Ambassador Program gives registered homeowners significant discounts to products and services needed to renovate or remodel their home and it can even help purchase a home. Once registered, you are an American Dream Ambassador for as long as you own your home.

Click on the MOPH Fund logo or scan the QR Code to watch a short video about the program and then register to be an Ambassador.



Donation Included with Registration

Upon receipt of your payment (PayPal or Credit Card), a \$50 tax-deductible donation will be made in your name, to the MOPH Fund, and a \$25 tax-deductible donation will be made in your name to the MOPH Chapter or the MOPHA Unit of your choice.

While there are other websites that can be used to register for the Ambassador Program, this website is the only one that includes donations to the MOPH Fund and the MOPH Chapters and Units.

The MOPH Fund Inc. is an IRS 501.c.3 public charity (EIN: 87-3168403) and the official fundraising arm of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. We bring patriotic donors together with combat-wounded veterans who spilled their blood in the name of our nation's freedom to promote their recovery. The Fund has earned the Candid 2023 Gold Seal of Transparency.

SOME GAVE ALL, SOME GAVE SOME!

[Become an Ambassador TODAY!](#)



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND CORE VALUES

Looking for a way to put your background, training, and professionalism to good use? If you are not but you know a fellow Veteran who might be, please share these links to Veteran Friendly job/career opportunities. We'll try to only post current links and listings, but you still need to do your own due diligence.

Even if the current listing is "closed", the companies are Veteran Friendly and other opportunities might be open.

If you are aware of similar opportunities in your area, please send them to publications@purpleheart.org so we share with the Order.

Vet Talent – Veteran Recruiting

Veterans Virtual Career Fair

November 8, 1-3 EST

Register [HERE](#)

Since 2008, Veteran Recruiting has hosted online (virtual) career fairs for the military and veteran community. More than 350,000 attend our events each year. When a veteran registers on www.veteranrecruiting.com they are eligible to attend any of our events. We email them when events are happening, and they can of course attend from anywhere. There is no software needed, but they must have an internet connection of course.

November 8th will be the last event we host for this year, and to end the year with a bang, we have assembled a great lineup of companies that would love to chat with you.

The virtual career fair is from 1-3 EST on November 8th, and includes the following:

- More than 23,000 available jobs across the country
- Amazing prize giveaways (hoodies, visa gift cards, iPad)
- Live chat with recruiters
- On the spot video interviews

As we head into 2024, big changes are coming to Veteran Recruiting. Instead of hosting events with multiple companies, the vast majority of our events will be for individual companies. We feel this is the best way to ensure we are connecting the right veteran with the right job and company. Here is how it will work:

- We will email you event details about the company, jobs, locations, and more.
- After reviewing, you can view all company jobs before deciding to attend.
- If you do not see a fit or have an interest in the jobs or the company, you simply choose not to attend.

Kevin O'Brien <kobrien@vetalent.com>

Talent Attraction Manager with AT&T (Columbus, Ohio)

My name is Mandy Moonan and I am a Talent Attraction Manager with AT&T. I'd like to share with you our job openings in your area at this time. We have Field Sales Representative positions that we are currently hiring for in Columbus and surrounding cities.

These positions offer a \$3,000 Sign On Bonus!

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Please share these job opportunities with your network and all you know seeking great career employment, your social networks (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.), community contacts and all applicable. Here is the direct link to the posting if you want to share in addition to the flyer below. <http://work.att.jobs/colu>

Feel free to contact let me know if you have any questions and/or need further information about any of these positions. Thank you for your time and I hope we can partner together.

Have a great day!

Mandy Moonan

Talent Attraction Manager

Human Resources

MOONAN, AMANDA <mm0611@att.com>

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<https://arcb.com/carriers/abf/military-partnerships>

<https://www.att.jobs/diversity-veterans>

<https://www.pathtopro.com/military>

<https://www.va.gov/jobs>

<https://jobs.bnsf.com/us/en/c/transitioning-military-jobs>

<https://careers.southwestair.com/military>

T-SHIRTS FOR VA MEDICAL CENTER

Anita Hunt-Trevino

President, MOPHA Unit 1836

Trish Rosie and Rodney J. Risemas, US Army (Ret)



MOPHA Unit 1836, San Antonio, Texas used MOPHA Service Grant funds to purchase seventy-five t-shirts and hygiene items for in residence patients at the VA Medical Center in Kerrville, Texas. Trish Rosie, Unit 1836 CDCE Chair, delivered the items on September 12, 2023, to Rodney j. Risemas, CDCE Representative. The Center was very grateful for the Unit's support of their Warrior Veterans.



(L to R) Trish Rosie and Anita Hunt-Trevino

FT. VERDE, AZ DAY'S PARADE

John Davison
Clerk 0793-AZ-6

The Military Order Of The Purple Heart "Dale E. Crick" Chapter 793 and the "Purple Heart Truck" participated in the Ft. Verde Day's Parade in Camp Verde, Arizona on Saturday - October 14th, 2023.



It was very moving to see the community comprised of many young families with children standing displaying "Honor & Respect For Our Combat Wounded Veterans"...



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR VETERANS

James Starkman
Sr Vice, Chapter 0691-AZ-6

Chapter 0691-AZ-6 will be collaborating with the Sundome Merchants, Corte Bella Vets and American Legion Post 94 in support of the annual Angel Tree Program for Veterans. Sr. Vice Commander Jim Starkman will lead this effort.



Christmas Trees will be placed in front of several businesses located at the Sundome Plaza at 13527 W Camino Del Sol in Sun City West from November 1 through December 15, 2023. The gifts collected will be delivered to Veteran's First,

M.A.N.A., US Vets, VA Community Center in Phoenix, and the VA Hospital in Prescott. In past years all the delivery locations including volunteers and employees were filled with tears of joy that our Veterans were not forgotten. Last year we collected 2,297 gifts (including gift cards) for an estimated value of \$80,000. Every year we strive to increase our volume.



(Left to Right): John Davison - Clerk MOPH 793, Danny Martinez - Vietnam War Veteran, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Ellis - Vietnam War Veteran, Billy Weldon - Adjutant MOPH 793, Ric Lindstrom - Gold Star Father, Rodger Ely - Commander MOPH 793, Dick Higuey - Vietnam War Veteran MOPH 793

PURPLE HEART BOURBON WHISKEY

Rocky Bleier

Member, 0455-PA-1

Limited Release – Pre-Order Yours NOW! Great present for a bourbon connoisseur.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Military Order of the Purple Heart.



PRE ORDER NOW

PURPLE HEART BOURBON WHISKEY FOUR GRAIN BOURBON

Limited Release—only 546 Available!

750 ML | 45% ALC/VOL [90 PROOF]

Do you know the Rocky Bleier story?

While serving in Vietnam, Rocky earned a Purple Heart for his bravery in combat. He sustained wounds from enemy gunshots and grenade shrapnel that resulted in multiple surgeries and rehabilitation. These injuries might break the spirit of most common men, but Rocky went on to win four superbowls with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

In honor of our nation's bravest, join us in raising a glass with the limited release Purple Heart Bourbon, hand crafted by Rocky Bleier, his cousin Bob Bleier, a retired New England Patriots player, and Iron Smoke Distilling. This limited release is a celebration of resilience, unity, and the undying spirit of the Purple Heart. Order now to secure your piece of this remarkable tribute.

In honor of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a portion of the proceeds from this limited release will be dedicated to supporting veterans and their families, ensuring they receive the recognition and support they deserve; with each bottle of Bleier Purple Heart Bourbon, you not only savor a masterfully distilled spirit but also contribute to a cause that remains close to the hearts of Rocky, Bob, and the entire Iron Smoke family.

Cheers to valor, honor, and the everlasting legacy of the patriots of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.



<https://ironsmokedistillery.com/purple-heart-bourbon-whiskey-four-grain-bourbon/>

SUICIDE PREVENTION AN EVERYDAY MISSION

Jo Keller

National Suicide Awareness Program Officer

Don't forget that Suicide prevention is a 24/7 & 365 year-round project. Know your resources to continue the fight against suicide. Always do your buddy checks. Practice self-care and know when to seek help too.

Veterans Crisis Line

www.veteranscrisisline.net

Veterans Crisis Line Chat

www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat

Vet Center

www.vetcenter.va.gov

National Resource Directory

www.nrd.gov

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline - formerly "Suicide Prevention Lifeline"

www.988lifeline.org

National Institute of Mental Health (NIH)

www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/suicide-prevention

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

www.afsp.org/suicide-prevention-resources/

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

www.cdc.gov/suicide/resources/index.html

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988

International (links and resources for suicide prevention)

www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/327007#international-hotlines-and-resources

VA.Gov Resources 24/7

Anytime, day or night.

If you are a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, connect with our caring, qualified responders for confidential help. Many of them are Veterans themselves.

Call **988** and press **1**.

Text 838255 to start a CONFIDENTIAL chat.

Call TTY if you have hearing loss at 800-799-4889.

Need help finding a VA location?

<https://www.va.gov/find-locations>



Be Aware, Save A Life Today
VETERANS CRISIS LINE
<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/>
VET CENTER
<https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>
NATIONAL RESOURCE DIRECTORY
<https://nrd.gov/>
SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE 988
988lifeline.org


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BURNSVILLE, MN COMMUNITY BUILDER

Shannon Mathews
Member, 0268-MN-2

2023 Community Builder Awards

The recognition is presented each year to individuals, community groups and businesses who – through their volunteer work or work life – build a brighter future for Burnsville.

Examples of community building include environmental stewardship, improving neighborhoods, volunteerism, youth leadership, and events and projects that build community pride and spirit.

The Burnsville City Council celebrated ten Community Builder Awards recipients on Oct. 17, 2023. Congratulations to all our honorees and thank you for your acts of kindness.



Shannon receiving his award from the Mayor.

Shannon Mathews, veterans support: Not only is Shannon Mathews a veteran, civil servant, and Burnsville resident, but he is also the first living veteran to donate his Purple heart medal to an institution of higher learning, which he did to Oklahoma State where he is from. There is a scholarship for veterans in his name as well. Mr. Mathews has helped veterans achieve the proper information to receive benefits and care and has assisted families of veterans who have passed in securing their benefits. Mr. Mathews has been recognized locally and beyond for his service. In 2021, he was inducted into the Purple Heart Mission Project Hall of Fame, for

outstanding achievements to the country he proudly served.



<https://www.burnsvillemn.gov/1208/Community-Builder-Awards>

THE “RULES” OF GOLF

Robert Metzig
Member, 0691-AZ-6

LAW 1:

No matter how bad your last shot was, you should have Inner Peace knowing that a shittier one is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

LAW 2:

Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3:

Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water. Expensive clubs have been known to be partly made with this most unusual natural alloy.

LAW 4:

Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.

LAW 5:

The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.

LAW 6:

A golfer hitting into your group will always be

bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and an IRS agent -- or some similar combination.

LAW 7:

All 3-woods are demon-possessed. Your Mother-in-Law does not come close.

LAW 8:

Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water. See LAW 3.

LAW 9:

The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.

LAW 10:

Golf should be given up at least twice per month.

LAW 11:

All vows taken on a golf course shall be valid only until the sunset.

LAW 12:

Since bad shots come in groups of three, your fourth consecutive bad shot is really the beginning of the next group of three.

LAW 13:

If it isn't broke, try changing your grip.

LAW 14:

It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you're lying 8.

LAW 15:

Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.

LAW 16:

Nonchalant putts count the same as chalang putts.

LAW 17:

It's not a gimme if you're still 4 feet away.

LAW 18:

The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.

LAW 19:

You can hit a 2-acre fairway 10% of the time, and a 2-inch branch 90% of the time.

LAW 20:

Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make a double or triple bogey to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

LAW 21:

If you want to hit a 7-iron as far as Tiger Woods does, simply try to use it to lay up just short of a water hazard.

LAW 22:

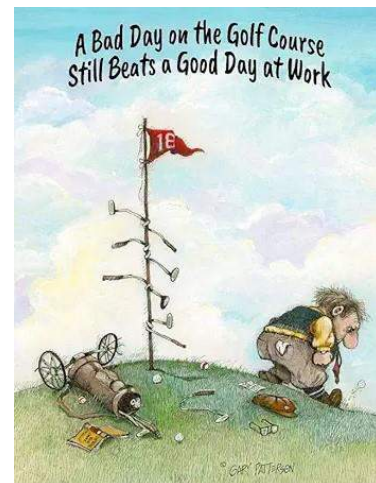
There are two things you can learn by stopping your back swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.

LAW 23:

A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.

LAW 24:

Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.



NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, also referred to as **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day** or **Pearl Harbor Day**, is observed annually in the United States on December 7, to remember and honor the 2,403 Americans who were killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, which led to the United States declaring war on Japan the next day and thus entering World War II.

In 1994, the United States Congress, by Pub. L. Tooltip Public Law (United States) 103–308, 108 Stat. 1169, designated December 7 of each year as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. The joint resolution was signed by President Bill Clinton on August 23, 1994. It became 36 U.S.C. § 129 (Patriotic and National Observances and Ceremonies) of the United States Code. On November 29, Clinton issued a proclamation declaring December 7, 1994, the first National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

On Pearl Harbor Day, the American flag should be flown at half-staff until sunset to honor those who died as a result of the attack on U.S. military forces in Hawaii. Pearl Harbor Day is not a federal holiday – government offices, schools, and businesses do not close. Some organizations may hold special events in memory of those killed or injured at Pearl Harbor.



[Office of War Information](#) poster memorializing the Pearl Harbor attack (1942)

FDR'S "DAY OF INFAMY" SPEECH

Crafting a Call to Arms

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In the early afternoon of December 7, 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt was just finishing lunch in his oval study on the second floor of the White House, preparing to work on his stamp album, when his telephone rang.

The White House operator announced that Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox was on the line and insisted on talking with him. Roosevelt took the call.

The Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, just before 8 a.m. Hawaii time, Secretary Knox told the President. Harry Hopkins, a top aide who was with Roosevelt at the time, could not believe the report. But Roosevelt did. "It was just the kind of unexpected thing the Japanese would do. At the very time they were discussing peace in the Pacific, they were plotting to overthrow it," he said. 1



For the rest of that afternoon, sixty years ago, Roosevelt and his advisers were busy at the White House receiving fragmentary reports about the damage to U.S. installations, ships, and planes in Hawaii. Security was increased around the White House, and plans for a bomb shelter for the President underneath the nearby Treasury Department building were under way. Across the nation, news of the attack spread by radio and word of mouth, and Americans began thinking about what life in a nation at war was going to be like.

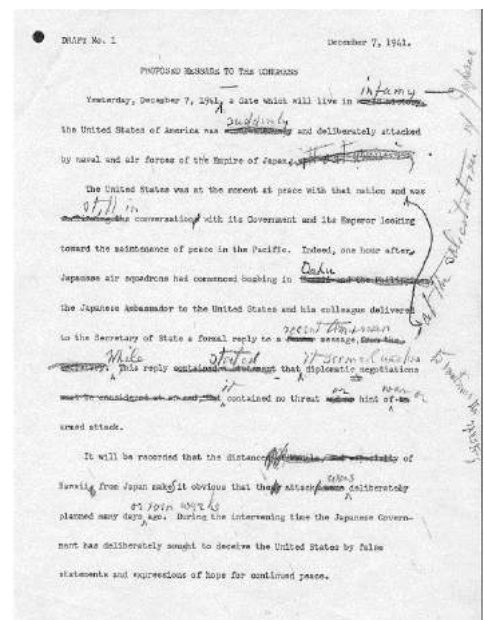
A First Draft

Roosevelt decided to go before Congress the next day to report on the attack and ask for a declaration of war. In early evening, he called in his secretary, Grace Tully. "Sit down, Grace," he said. "I'm going before Congress tomorrow, and I'd like to dictate my message. It will be short." 2

Short it was. But it was to become one of the most famous speeches of the twentieth century, giving birth to one of the most famous phrases of the century.

"Yesterday, December seventh, 1941, a date which will live in world history," he began as Tully took down the words, "the United States was simultaneously and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan." 3

Biographer Nathan Miller recalls: "He inhaled deeply on his cigarette, blew out the smoke, and began dictating in the same calm tone he used to deal with his mail. He enunciated the



words incisively and slowly, carefully specifying each punctuation mark and new paragraph. Running little more than five hundred words, the message was dictated without hesitation or second thoughts." 4

Tully typed up what Roosevelt had dictated, and the President went to work on this first draft by hand.

Making Changes

On draft No. 1, Roosevelt changed "a date which will live in world history" to "a date which will live in infamy," providing the speech its most famous phrase and giving birth to the term, "day of infamy," which December 7, 1941, is often called.

A few words later, he changed his report that the United States of America was "simultaneously and deliberately attacked" to "suddenly and deliberately attacked." At the end of the first sentence, he wrote the words, "without warning," but later crossed them out.

Thus that first historic sentence—the one that is usually quoted from the speech—was born: "Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by the naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."

There were other changes in that first draft also. At one point, Roosevelt noted that the distance from Japan to Hawaii meant that the attack must have been planned "many days ago." He changed that to "many days or even weeks ago." Historians now know that the Japanese had considered a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor for many years.

Drafts No. 1 and the third draft have Roosevelt's handwriting all over them, but there are none of his marks on the second draft, which makes only one change from the first draft—that of the famous first sentence.

Apparently Roosevelt took back his marked-up first draft and made more revisions, which became the third draft. Writes Halford R. Ryan: "It [a second draft] contains his emendations from draft one. Curiously, however, he did not make changes on draft two but went back to draft one and made corrections on it. That is, draft one has words on it that are not in draft two but are in draft three: therefore, draft three is actually a compilation of changes on draft one." 5

Getting Updates

Roosevelt updated the speech too, as reports of Japanese actions arrived at the White House, adding lines to note Japanese attacks on Guam and the Philippine Islands. He also added a sentence near the end of the text: "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people will in their righteous might win through to absolute victory." In other revisions, the President added further sentences to note Japanese attacks on Hong Kong, Malaya, Wake Island, and Midway Island.

Two of Roosevelt's speechwriters, Samuel I. Rosenman and Robert Sherwood, were in New York City on December 7 and did not participate in drafting the speech; the President handled this one mostly by himself. During the editing of the various drafts, Roosevelt rejected a longer version by Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, which reviewed the events leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor. 6

However, Hopkins had a few minor word changes and one significant addition (which he labeled "Deity")—the next to the last paragraph, which read: "With confidence in our armed forces, with faith in our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph so help us God." At some point, it was expanded to "With confidence in our armed forces—with the unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God." Along with the first sentence, it became one of the most often heard quotes from the speech. 7

Usually a Long Process

Rosenman, Sherwood, and Hopkins were usually involved in drafting major speeches, along with others in the government, depending on the subject. Usually, a speech took from three to ten days to prepare, far longer than the December 8 speech. But Rosenman insisted that all the speeches eventually were Roosevelt's. "The speeches as finally delivered were his-and his alone-no matter who the collaborators were. He had gone over every point, every word, time and again. He had studied, reviewed, and read aloud each draft, and had changed it again and again, either in his own handwriting, by dictating inserts, or making deletions. Because of the many hours he spent in its preparation, by the time he delivered a speech he knew it almost by heart." 8

Rosenman also wrote: "The remarkable thing is that on one of the busiest and most turbulent days of his life, he was able to spend so much time and give so much thought to his speech." 9

Roosevelt's speech amounted to a call to arms for a national audience that would suddenly need to shift to a war footing that meant wage and price controls; shortages of food, fuel, and other strategic materials; and, of course, the induction into the armed forces of their sons, husbands, fathers, and sweethearts.

Changes During Delivery

The next day, at 12:30 p.m., in the House of Representatives, Roosevelt delivered his six-minute address to a joint session of Congress and a nationwide radio audience. He was interrupted several times by applause and departed only a few times from the wording on the final draft of the speech, which included four minor handwritten changes. One of them qualifies the sentence "In addition American ships have been torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu." Roosevelt used the term "reported torpedoed."

When Roosevelt delivered the speech, most of his on-the-spot changes involved word order. But many people had never heard of Oahu, the Hawaiian island on which Pearl Harbor and Honolulu are located, so it became "the American island of Oahu" to establish the fact that America had been attacked. And the sentence "Very many American lives have been lost" became "I regret to tell you that very many American lives have been lost." In fact, 2,403 Americans died in the attack.

A Lost Copy?

UPDATE 12-2-2016: Since this article was written, [an investigation by the Roosevelt Library and the Center for Legislative Archives](#) in 2014 confirmed that the "reading copy" remains a missing document. Neither the House copy nor the Senate copy, both doubled-spaced typewritten, is the "reading copy" that President Roosevelt used while speaking, the investigation concluded.

The "reading copy," typed triple-spaced and in a loose-leaf binder, has not been seen since James Roosevelt brought it back to the White House after the speech on December 8, 1941, and placed it atop a coat rack.

Usually, when addressing Congress, Roosevelt brought back to the White House the "reading copy" of the speech he had just given. But on this occasion, he did not have it when he returned to the White House. A search of his coat, and that of his son James, who had escorted his father, was made. He even wrote to James, asking about it.

"I have had a howl go up from the Library at Hyde Park and from Grace here that you have taken away with you the war Message to Congress," FDR wrote his oldest son. "As a matter of fact, it probably ought to be in the Government permanently because they have everything else and this particular one is just about the equal in importance to the First Inaugural Address." 10

But James Roosevelt didn't have it either, and it was thought to be "lost" for forty-three years. In 1984, an archivist at the National Archives and Records Administration discovered the copy in the records of the Senate, which had been sent to the National Archives Building. Roosevelt apparently had left the copy on the lectern after he finished speaking to the joint session or handed it to a clerk. In any event, a Senate clerk wrote "Dec 8, 1941, Read in joint session" on the back and filed it away with Senate records.

Today, NARA's Center for Legislative Archives at the National Archives Building holds both the Senate reading copy (Record Group 46) and another copy, virtually identical to the Senate copy but typed separately, in the House records (Record Group 233). The final "as given" version, with changes made by the President during delivery, is held by the Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, New York.

Before December 8 was over, Congress sent Roosevelt his declaration of war against Japan. But Roosevelt was careful to limit his comments in the December 8 speech and in a radio "fireside chat" a few days later to Japan, for Germany and Italy were not officially at war with the United States. That changed on December 11, when Germany and Italy declared war on the United States, which quickly declared war on Germany and Italy.



Reference notations can be found at.



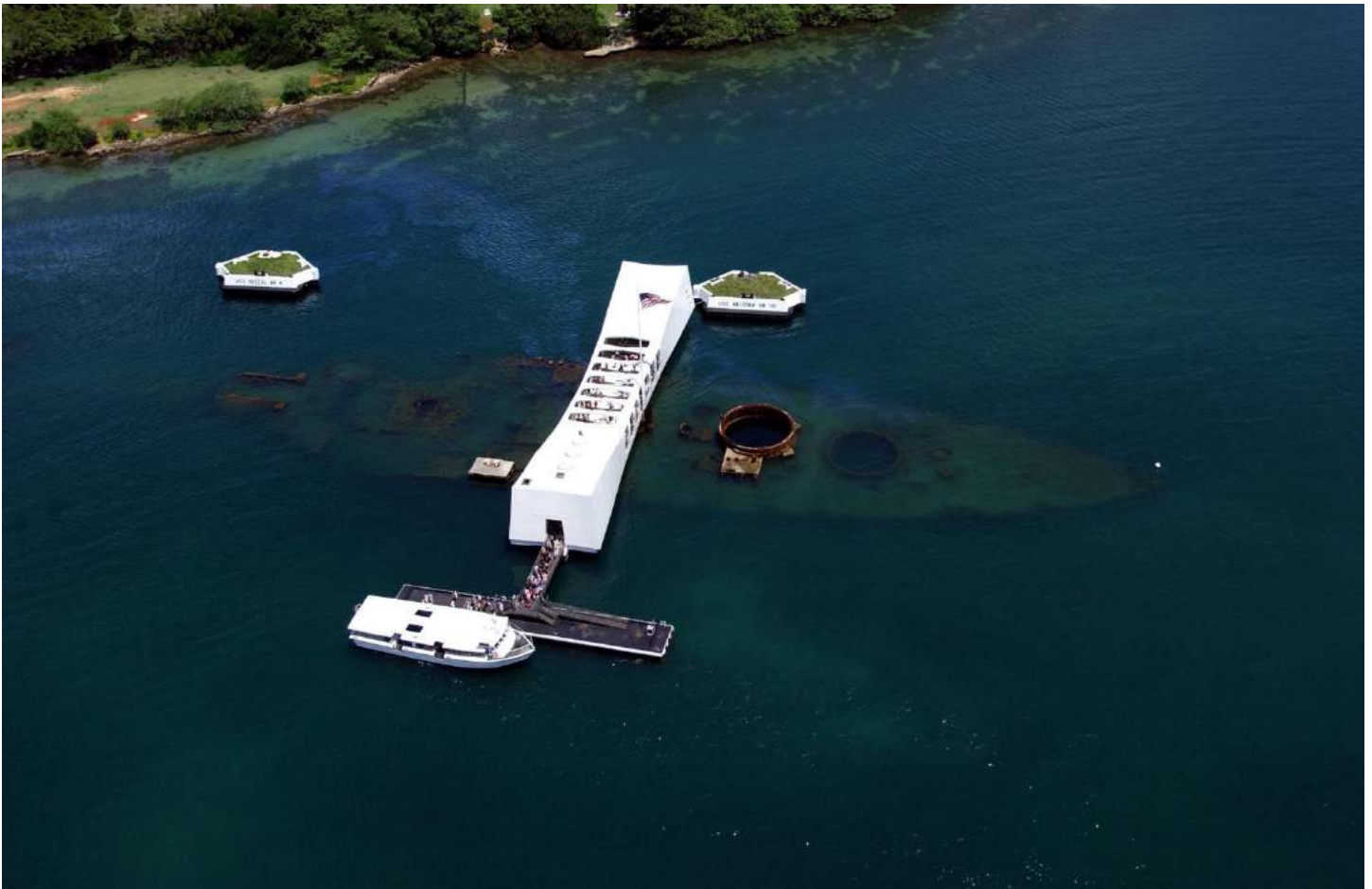
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USS Arizona Memorial

The **USS Arizona Memorial**, at [Pearl Harbor](#) in [Honolulu](#), [Hawaii](#), marks the resting place of 1,102 of the 1,177 sailors and Marines killed on [USS Arizona](#) during the [attack on Pearl Harbor](#) on December 7, 1941, and commemorates the events of that day. The attack on Pearl Harbor led to the United States' involvement in [World War II](#).

The memorial, built in 1962, is visited by more than two million people annually.^[1] Accessible only by boat, it straddles the sunken hull of the battleship without touching it. Historical information about the attack, shuttle boats to and from the memorial, and general visitor services are available at the associated *USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center*, which opened in 1980 and is operated by the [National Park Service](#). The battleship's sunken remains were declared a [National Historic Landmark](#) on May 5, 1989.^[2]

The *USS Arizona Memorial* is one of several sites in Hawaii that are part of the [Pearl Harbor National Memorial](#).



An aerial view of the USS Arizona Memorial with a US Navy (USN) Tour Boat, USS Arizona Memorial Detachment, moored at the pier as visitors disembark to visit and pay their respects to the Sailors and Marines who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Complete article:



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Arizona_Memorial

ALL PURPLE HEART HONOR FLIGHT

Tom Moorman

Commander, Department of Indiana

Honor Flight North East Indiana (HFNEI) took 102 PH recipients to Washington, DC on Purple Heart Day, 7 August 2023. This Honor Flight extra flight - only Purple Heart recipients! In order to get more PH recipients on the plane, the Honor Flight planners asked each person if they could forgo a companion so that we could get more PH recipients on the plane. Thus, they were able to get 102 PH recipients on the plane. However, everyone without a companion received a volunteer companion in Washington.



On Sunday night before we left on the trip, a banquet for all Purple Heart recipients and guests was held in the Fort Wayne War Memorial. Col Gregory Gadson, an Iraq War double amputee veteran, spoke to the audience about his experiences during and after being wounded. He spoke about his realization of what had happened to him and related how he was able to move on both physically and mentally. A battle many Patriots experienced.



Cathy Berkshire, HFNEI President, welcoming us at the banquet before the flight.



L-R Patriots - Randy West, Mike Shadowen, Dave Taborski, Larry Walker, Tony Gutierrez at the banquet on the evening before the flight.



Waiting to board the plane to Washington.

Col Gadson talking with a PH veteran.



Marine Purple Heart Recipients laying the wreath at the Marine Memorial



Kayla Blakeslee, WOWO morning host, and Alyssa Evanston, Channel 15 News Anchor, welcomed us on arrival at Washington.



The Marine Honor Guard, Marines on the flight and the Marine volunteers who were companions for the Marines after the wreath laying at the Marine Memorial.



Laying a wreath at the Seabee Memorial



Mike Taylor at The Wall



At the Wall



Lester Creason, Korean Veteran, at the Korean Memorial



Team marching to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Our reception when we returned.

We were exhausted when we returned but the large crowd of people, who had been waiting for hours, were there to shake our hands and say "Welcome Home" re-energized each of us.

These pictures were taken by patriots on the trip and from the HFNEI photographer. In a post for the flight, I read a quote:

"If you want to thank our Military- be an American worth fighting for" -Unknown.



How do different faiths celebrate Christmas?

There are many different faiths and some of those different faiths celebrate Christmas. With 4200 different [religions](#) in the world, there are some that celebrate Christmas, and others who have their own wintertime celebrations. Let's take a look at some of the ways different faiths celebrate Christmas.

Who celebrates Christmas?

By name, Christmas is a holiday for Christians. However, the holiday is celebrated by other religions and even atheists. This may be because as a holiday it has grown to focus on gift-giving and spending time with people you care about. And this is something many people can celebrate and enjoy.

Another group of people who celebrate Christmas are Buddhists. Many still celebrate the holiday as they see Jesus as a man and a teacher, rather than the Christian viewing of him as a messiah. They believe his teachings complement those of Buddha, who was said to have found enlightenment during what we know as the festive season. And for that they celebrate Christmas. Buddhists practice peace and goodwill during Christmas, giving gifts and sending cards to loved ones.

What do other cultures celebrate instead of Christmas?

Hanukkah



Rather than celebrating Christmas, Jewish people celebrate **Hanukkah** in the wintertime. The holiday begins on the 25th of the Hebrew month of Kislev, which is around November – December.

[Hanukkah](#) is an 8-day event, and the name translates to the festival of lights. Every day Jewish people light their menorah and celebrate by spinning dreidels and having delicious meals. The holiday itself commemorates when the Jews were able to reclaim their land from the Seleucids around 200 BC.

Diwali

Many Hindu families celebrate **Diwali** which is before Christmas in either October or November depending on the Lunar Calendar. Diwali is the festival of lights. Although similarly named to Hanukkah, they are not to be confused.



During [Diwali](#), Hindus will light oil lamps called diya and they will pray to the goddess Lakshmi, or a preferred God or Goddess associated with a particular region or community, to bring blessings of health and wealth to their household.

For the prayer, they will make a home altar adorned with grains, flowers, sweets, and spices.

Another practice popular at Diwali is when Hindus decorate with a colourfully patterned Rangoli, a floor design, made of coloured powders, sand, spices, beans, and lentils. Fireworks and candles are a main feature of celebrating Diwali.

Do Muslims celebrate Christmas?

Muslims do not celebrate Christmas. The major religious celebration in [Islam](#) is Eid, which indicates the end of Ramadan.

Ramadan falls on the 9th month of the Islamic religious calendar, this means it will not always be at the same time of year as it works on the lunar calendar rather than the Gregorian calendar. With the shifting date of the

celebrations, you can expect that Ramadan has occurred during the Christmas period.

During Ramadan, Muslims fast for a month. Ramadan is to remember when the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.



During this time Muslims pray and spend time with their families. At the end of Ramadan, they celebrate with Eid ul-Fitr, which is the festival of breaking the fast. For Eid ul-Fitr Muslims will wear their finest clothes and celebrate with family and friends.

What is Christmas called in other religions?

Around the world, Christmas goes by different names. Whether or not you have faith you will know the holiday by something.

Some people know the season as Christmastide. Although the actual time of Christmastide is from Christmas Eve until after New Years or Epiphany in some countries. Epiphany is a feast held on the 6th of January to celebrate God through Christ.

In France Christmas is called Noël, the word coming from the Latin verb that means 'to be born.' You may hear people saying 'Joyeux Noël,' which means Merry Christmas in French.

You may also hear people who are Roman Catholics call the day the Feast of Nativity. This is because in the 4th century AD Pope Julius of the Church of Rome decided that Christians would celebrate Jesus's birth with a feast, which he named the Feast of [Nativity](#).

Although, now when we hear nativity, we think of the scene depicting baby Jesus in the manger with Mary, Joseph, and the barns animals. In some nativity scenes, the [wise men](#) are present but the whole scene has become a strong Christian symbol.

Is Christmas a Pagan Holiday?

The holiday itself is Christian. However, some of the traditions we associate with Christmas come from [pagan](#) holiday celebration.



For example, having a big meal with your loved ones on Christmas. The pagans would have a feast for yuletide and the winter solstice. Another example would also be having a tree propped up in your home. Although many know this to be a German tradition, the pagans were the first to gather around trees for celebration.

Pagans do not celebrate Christmas, but there is a festival called Yuletide. Before Christmas was established as a celebration of the birth of Jesus in December, the Pagans would celebrate the winter solstice at a similar time.



<https://christmasphere.com/how-do-different-faiths-celebrate-christmas/>

Editor's Note: As stated in the opening paragraph of this story, there are over 4200 different religions and many ways to celebrate the holiday season. No religion was deliberately left out and there is no intention of slighting anyone's beliefs or traditions. Larry Leighton, Purple Heart Magazine Editor.

Kwanzaa: What It Really Is And How & Why It's Celebrated



Maulana Karenga created Kwanzaa in 1966, as the first specifically African-American holiday. According to Karenga, the name Kwanzaa derives from the Swahili phrase *matunda ya kwanza*, meaning “first fruits of the harvest.” The choice of Swahili, an East African language, reflects its status as a symbol of Pan-Africanism, especially in the 1960s, although most of the Atlantic slave trade that brought African people to America originated in West Africa.

Kwanzaa is a celebration that has its roots in the black nationalist movement of the 1960s and was established as a means to help African Americans reconnect with their African cultural and historical heritage by uniting in meditation and study of African traditions and *Nguzo Saba*, the “seven principles of African Heritage” which Karenga said “is a communitarian African philosophy”. Karenga believed and stated that **“you must have a cultural revolution before the violent revolution. The cultural revolution gives identity, purpose, and direction.”**

Kwanzaa was not created to give people an alternative to their own religion or religious holiday. Many African Americans who celebrate Kwanzaa do so in addition to observing Christmas.



https://blackdoctor.org/kwanzaa-what-how-why-its-celebrated/?gad_source=5&gclid=Cj0KCQjwy4KqBhD0ARIsAEbCt6jwPirgmO6mgCr9CXUrwtxDCD5hHuAqbcXgbR-qNxqmAEkqVCECm2oaAuCSEALw_wcB

20 Unique Christmas Traditions Around the World That May Surprise You

Read up on these unexpected Yuletide rituals.
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We have many tried-and-true [Christmas traditions](#) in the United States: [decorating your Christmas tree](#), baking [holiday cookies](#), and opening [Christmas presents](#), to name a few. Some more modern traditions include watching [Christmas movies](#) and keeping up with [The Elf on the Shelf](#). But some of the ways Christmas is celebrated around the world might surprise you.

Once you learn about what happens in other countries, you may even want to start some of these traditions in your own home. And others, you might want to skip! How about waking to find rotten potatoes left in your shoes by a mischievous Father Christmas? Or Kentucky Fried Chicken for your Christmas dinner? Believe it or not, those are actual Christmas traditions around the world.

From Christmas by the beach with fresh seafood in New Zealand, to hot porridge that keeps families warm during the cold Finland winter, you'll discover just how different these global holiday traditions are. What's more, we think you'll wow your family during your Christmas party with all of the following interesting Christmas trivia.



https://www.countryliving.com/entertaining/g4933/christmas-traditions-around-the-world/?psafe_param=1&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cp&utm_campaign=arb_ga_clv_md_pmx_us_urlx_18711629947&gclid=Cj0KCQjwy4KqBhD0ARIsAEbCt6gknwye995ZfKoSH5QWwCAIU_rhcSS28DgATRzZPFsYDPDF3Kk986EaAqGIEALw_wcB

A SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS At Morristown in 1779

By Russell Baker,
Junior Research Technician,
Morristown National Historical Park,
New Jersey.

"Half rations again! By Christmas we'll be on no rations at all!"

---And when we came to Morristown they told us the people were all in sympathy with the cause; very few Tories among them, and that this was a land of plenty.

"Yes, plenty of cold and snow. Sam, if this cold continues there won't be one of us left to live in these damned log huts. Why did General Washington pick such a place for our winter encampment?"

---Washington knows what he's doing, Henry. We're safe from attack here at Morristown. The British can never get over the mountains east of here. I, for one, am willing to go any place Washington says; I'm willing to suffer along with the rest, but I've stood all any human being can stand. We've been for weeks on

half-rations; half-naked and not enough blankets to go around, and the coldest winter of the century. If we could only get more grog, that would keep out the cold.

"I haven't had a drink of grog for days. The only way we can keep warm is in building these huts. When do you think we'll be in our hut, Sam? This tent is as good as nothing at all."

---About three days more. Perhaps we can make it by Christmas, then we'll celebrate in our new log mansion. But Captain Ashmsad won't be in his hut by Christmas. He says he'll see all the privates under cover first.

"I heard that General Greene is attempting to get most of the officers in private homes, but is meeting with great opposition. No one wants an officer in their home, I guess, because they're afraid the British will attack most any day and burn their place down. If the British do get through, we certainly can't offer much resistance."

---Sam, some of the other boys ate a good meal last night -- even had a chicken. What do you say we do the same tonight? Down this road, not very far, lives a farmer by the name of Wick. His yard is full of chickens and his barn is overflowing with grain -- more than he and his family can ever use.

"Wick's farm!¹ That's where General St. Clair is staying. If he ever caught us there we'd be up for court martial in the morning."

---I'd take a good lashing for a square meal. Anyway we deserve something to eat for Christmas, and we may not get caught.

"But haven't you heard General Washington's orders. No more of this pillaging, he says, and calls us a band of robbers rather than disciplined troops."

---That's easy for the General to say, but does he understand what we are going through out here?

"They say he is going to visit camp tomorrow. Let's wait. Perhaps he'll bring us some news --

news that the French fleet is going to arrive, or that we can borrow some of the 5,000 barrels of flour collected for the French to use when they come. Then at least our bellies will be full on Christmas."



George Washington's Christmas Dinner of 1779 May Have Been Prepared at This Fire Place in the Ford House, a Morristown Residence Which Served as Continental Army Headquarters. The Restored Building is a Part of Morristown National Historical Park.

This imaginary conversation between two Continental soldiers encamped in Jockey Hollow, near Morristown, New Jersey, was probably typical of hundreds of others which took place during the memorable Christmas season of 1779. Both from a military and political standpoint, the winter was an extremely critical period. Soldiers were compelled to live on half and sometimes quarter rations, which made it impossible for Washington to prevent pillaging and marauding. An attempt on his part to prevent ruthless stealing of supplies from the farmers in the vicinity caused a complete famine in camp, making it necessary to order regular foraging and marauding expeditions which went from house to house and took everything not absolutely essential to the inhabitants.²

Christmas of 1779 found the ragged, half-starved men of the Continental Army busily engaged in building crude log huts, which were to be their homes until the opening of the next year's campaign. Just before Christmas there began the extreme cold which was to characterize the winter of 1779-80, the worst of the century. Some of the men were under cover by Christmas, but others still were in the

open two weeks later when a sudden blizzard brought a five-foot snow blanket to most of New Jersey, and froze the Hudson and other rivers solid.

Most of the officers were even worse off than the ordinary privates, yet had to wait until all the men were under cover before beginning construction of their own quarters. Quartermaster General Greene attempted to obtain quarters for the officers in private homes, but found that the people offered determined resistance to the idea. Greene appealed to the civil magistrates for help, but their sympathies were with the populace. Greene, exhausted in his patience in providing what he deemed absolute necessities for the officers, finally appealed to Washington. Washington then threatened to obtain accommodations for his officers by the exercise of martial law, if necessary, but he never carried out his threat.

The following letter, written by Brigadier-General Samuel H. Parsons, Connecticut Line, to General Greene, illustrates the difficulties encountered in housing even general officers:

"Dear Sir: I beg you to order me a large markee and a stove as the last resort I have to cover me; I cannot stay in this Trophet a day longer nor can I find a House without going four miles from camp into which I can put my Head. The Room I now have is not more than Eight feet square for six of us; and the family worse than the Devil; and the Justices threatening you and me if I continue to occupy this Hutt.

"I beg you not to fail to send me the Markee and Stove to Day; or send me somebody to drive away the Evil Spirits who inhabit this House.

Your Obedt Servt
Samuel H. Parsons"

What did the Continental soldier eat for his Christmas dinner? While we have no record of any special food's being rationed for the day, the following general order illustrates the kind

of food he must have had -- perhaps only a half or even a quarter of the prescribed ration:

A pnd. of hard or soft bread & 19 Pound of Indn. Meal or a pound of flower, a pound of Beef or 14 oz. Pork to be daily Ration untill further orders³.

Some of the officers, at least, were able to escape the hard times prevalent about the camp on Christmas Day. A letter written by Lieutenant Erkuries Beatty, of Hand's Brigade, illustrates a celebration in splendid style:

Camp near Morristown
Christmas Day
Dec. 25th [17]79

. . . I am just done dinner about half Drunk, all dined together up on good roast & boiled, but in a Cold Tent, however grog enough will keep out cold. . . tomorrow we all dine at or with the Colonel, which will be another excellent dinner and I think you may call that fine living, but oh! I am afraid it won't last many Days - We hutt about four miles from Morristown. . . in about one week we will be in our hutt & a fine lay out it is. . .⁴

Even the Commander-in-Chief, living at the Ford Mansion in Morristown throughout this Christmas season of 1779, could not have been very comfortable. The official family was much crowded even though most of the spacious mansion was placed at its disposal. As late as January 22, 1780, Washington wrote:

. . . I have been at my prest. quarters since the 1st day of Decr. and have not a Kitchen to cook a Dinner in, altho' the Logs have been put together some considerable time by my own Guard; nor is there a place at this moment in which a servant can lodge with the smallest degree of comfort. Eighteen belonging to my family and all Mrs. Fords, are crowded together in her Kitchen and scarce one of them able to speak for the colds they have caught. . .⁵

Besides the dearth of personal comforts, this Christmas was one of the most disheartening of the entire eight years of the war. Up until

November, high hopes had been held that the powerful French fleet under Count D'Estaing, which was operating in the West Indies, could arrive on the coast in time to cooperate with the Continental Army in a siege of New York City. But D'Estaing failed to grasp the opportunity and chose instead to assist General Lincoln in an unsuccessful attack on Savannah, Georgia. Thus, at Christmas time, Washington found it necessary to weaken his own force to give assistance to the defeated Lincoln. Besides this, Washington and his staff became alarmed at the indications of a possible attack by Sir Henry Clinton, the British Commander at New York. Clinton had called in all his outlying detachments and had the entire army concentrated on Manhattan Island. Preparations were being made to embark a large fleet, which, Washington thought, may have been a feint for an attack on Morristown. Not to be caught unawares in such a situation, Washington gave orders to place all the troops in a position to defend themselves. A system of alarm signals was organized, each brigade being directed to its proper place in the line of battle, and Duportail, chief of the engineers, and General Greene were instructed to prepare a plan for a defense of the position. Such an attack, however, never occurred.

Four days before Christmas, Washington wrote to Governor Livingston of New Jersey concerning his apprehensions in regard to the plans of the British. He wrote that Clinton could not be ignorant of the small number of men left in the Continental Army, the distress of the military magazines, and the want of forage. "The loss of our huts at this inclement season," he pointed out, "would be a most serious calamity. This loss would be accompanied by that of a great part of our baggage, and a number of our men by desertions⁶."

The general orders on Christmas Day, 1779, make no mention of the festiveness of the occasion, only the prosaic grind of military routine. One order dated December 24, 1779, calls for a court martial on December 25 at 10 o'clock in the morning, for a trial of the non-commissioned officers and privates who were in confinement⁷. Another announced a small supply of shirts had arrived and would be

delivered⁸. Still another, dated December 25, is in the form of a reprimand for the "shameful waste of forage" in camp⁹.

But what must have added most to this disheartening Christmas season, at least to Washington, was the court martial of Benedict Arnold, who was tried for permitting a Tory vessel to enter the port of Philadelphia without acquainting other officials of the fact, and other charges. The trial was held in the old Dickerson Tavern in Morristown and the occasion made it one of the most important gatherings ever held in America up to that time. Arnold was summoned December 19¹⁰, and further sessions were held at the same place at 11 o'clock on the morning of December 24, 25 and 26¹¹. Even on Christmas Day the trial continued! As evidence in his favor Arnold placed before the court complimentary letters from the Commander-in-Chief which bore out the fact that he was one of the bravest generals of the army. A sad Christmas, the first of many which Benedict Arnold was to have! But sadder still it must have been to Washington who put implicit faith in Arnold.

So, it may be wondered, could there have been a Christmas at Morristown in 1779? These "times that tried men's souls," as Thomas Paine wrote, were never more in evidence than during that season.

Today, 160 years later, when the ageless Christmas message is said and sung again to the sound of bells and the twinkle of candles, when the firelight burns brightly on the hearths of 1939, Americans still may keep green the story of Morristown's Christmas in 1779. For that story, in the great realities of the present, well may remind us of an ancient sacrifice whereby we now are afforded, as Scrooge's nephew said, "a good time, a kind forgiving charitable, pleasant time."

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No Holiday Surcharges

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ARIZONA PURPLE HEART MEMORIAL BRICKS

Larry Leighton

AZ Department Adjutant



Stephan Bobby (L) and Jim Starkman

Patriots Stephan Bobby (0472-AZ-6) and James Starkman (0691-AZ-6) recently installed additional PH memorial bricks that had been purchased for installation at the memorial at Wesley-Bolin Plaza at the state capitol.

NORMAN C. GADDIS TURNS 100!

Frances Figueroa
Region IV Commander

Brigadier General Norman C. Gaddis was the deputy director of operations, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. General Gaddis was born in 1923, in Dandridge, Tenn. He attended the University of Tennessee in 1947, and the University of Maryland in 1949. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, 1961, and the National War College, 1966.

He entered active military duty in October 1942 and under the aviation cadet program received his commission and pilot wings at Williams Army Air Field, Ariz., in November 1944.



His first assignment after graduation from pilot training was at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., where he flew P-40 Warhawk aircraft. He was relieved from active duty in October 1945 and was recalled to active duty in February 1949. He joined the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., in April 1958 where he flew the F-100 Super Sabre as a flight instructor, and later was director of operations and training. In August 1960 he entered Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. In July 1961 General Gaddis was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force, in the Directorate of Operations, as a staff officer in the Tactical Division. His duties included supervision of tactical air operations and tactical combat crew training programs. In August 1965 he entered the National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

After graduation he attended F-4 Phantom combat crew training at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. General Gaddis was transferred to the Republic of Vietnam in November 1966 where he served as assistant deputy commander for operations, 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, at Cam Ranh Bay Air Base. He had flown 72 combat missions in South Vietnam, North Vietnam and Laos prior to May 12, 1967, when he was listed as missing in action. General Gaddis was a prisoner of war held by the North Vietnamese from May 12, 1967, until his release on March 4, 1973.

Following a brief interlude for convalescence, he assumed duties as vice commander, 82d Flying Training Wing, Air Training Command, at Williams Air Force Base,

Ariz., in August 1973, and became commander in February 1974. In July 1974 General Gaddis assumed duties as deputy director for operational forces, Directorate of Operations, in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C. In February 1975 he was reassigned as deputy director of operations in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations. His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster and "V" device, Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm. He is a command pilot with more than 4,300 flying hours. He was promoted to the grade of brigadier general effective June 1, 1974, with

date of rank May 26, 1974. On September 30th, 2023 Brigadier General Norman C. Gaddis turns 100 years young. Let's celebrate Patriot Gaddis amazing accomplishments with him and help wish him a Very Happy Birthday!

Happy 100th Birthday Patriot Norman Gaddis!

MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Jesseca Voorheis
Membership Director



If you are a parent, grandparent, spouse, widow, widower, sibling, child, or grandchild of a combat veteran of a war of the United States, who for their valiant service has been awarded the Purple Heart you can join the Auxiliary.

Purple Heart Recipient Membership Application

All persons of good moral character who are awarded the Purple Heart Medal by the Government of States AND are have Honorable discharge are active the Military Order Heart of the



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Associate Member Application

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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, and he/she must sign the application to acknowledge the relationship and consent for the membership. There is no online application for Associate Membership. To download or print an application form, please click on the button.

Online Membership Application Process

There are four easy steps to our online membership process. Please have a digital copy of your documentation ready to upload. Please allow 1 year for the complete processing and delivery of your welcome package.

Step 1: Complete a Membership Application Online (and submit Life Member Application Fees). Complete the membership registration, ensuring all required information is provided. Before starting the application, use the "Find a Chapter" to find the chapter closest to your residence (you will be asked for this on the application), or one will be assigned automatically. Pay a one-time Life Member Application Fee of \$200.00 OR use the installment plan.

If the installment plan is selected, \$50 must be submitted with the application. The amount of each installment and the frequency of the installments is your discretion as long as the **remaining \$150 is paid within one year** of the application being approved.

Fees submitted with applications for membership are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Step 2: Submit Proof of Purple Heart Award and Honorable Service. An email will be sent once the application is received. Please respond to the email attaching the required document/s. A copy of the documentation submitted will be retained on file for future reference.

Veteran Applicant

DD214 Member-4 or Service-2 with Purple Heart Award AND Honorable or General discharge, if necessary, DD215 (if Purple Heart Award, Honorable or General discharge is not on DD214) Recommend: Purple Heart Award Orders Plus Purple Heart Certificate Active-Duty Applicant, provide PCS Orders and the documents listed

below. Purple Heart Award Orders plus Purple Heart Certificate Make sure all documents are UNALTERED, COMPLETE and LEGIBLE

Step 3: Eligibility Review Process by the National Adjutant. If documentation MEETS eligibility requirements, the application will be processed for membership, and you will receive a notification email welcoming you to the MOPH. If documentation DOES NOT MEET eligibility requirements, notification will be sent with reason/s for disapproval and steps needed if any to resubmit documentation.

Step 4: Notification of Membership. Your membership will be activated, and you will be notified of your membership number and chapter assignment. A new member packet with your permanent membership card, membership certificate, and additional information on MOPH will follow this initial notification. Please allow 1 year for processing and delivery. A copy of your documentation will be retained on file for future reference. All applications are subject to verification with the National Personnel Records Center. All information and requirements are subject to change without notice. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact us at:

Email: membership@purpleheart.org

Mail: MOPH Headquarters,
Membership Department,
5413-B Backlick Road,
Springfield, VA 22151-3960
Phone: 703-642-5360

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



November is a month of empowerment, education, and inspiration for communities far and wide who have been touched by pancreatic cancer. It is our opportunity to shine a light on this disease, to elevate our voices to raise awareness and to invite others to join us on the journey towards a cure. It is a time to educate the world with our [stories](#), raise [money](#) for research and let patients know that we will [never give up](#).

This month we're sharing a variety of ways that you can get involved. With your help we can drive research towards a cure while we continue to provide vital resources for patients and families. To inspire you to act we're sharing survivor & tribute stories, providing easy ways to fundraise and inviting you to get involved [throughout November](#). Join us today & shine a light on pancreatic cancer!



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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
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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) _____

Next of Kin (Print Name) _____ Relationship _____

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 703-642-5360

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 (Must be 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# _____

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. (Effective 9/1/2021; Previous editions are obsolete.)

See left side for Dues schedule.
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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 _____
Relation to Recipient 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# _____

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

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Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Unit Requested _____

I am the _____ of _____
Relation to Auxiliary Member Name of Auxiliary Member Life Member Number

Who is the _____ of _____
Auxiliary member Relation to Recipient Name of Purple Heart Recipient

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor: _____ Sponsor Unit # _____

Auxiliary Member & ID number signing you up

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OLDEST PATRIOT PASSES AT 108

Carder Ferguson
National Commander

With great sadness, the Oldest MOPH member Harold Nelson (108 years old), 0375-CO-5, of Aurora Colorado passed away on Oct 23rd.

Patriot Harold Nelson

Then all the people answered,
"AMEN, AMEN!"(Nehemiah 8:6)

National commander Carder Ferguson and the entire Military Order Purple Heart are saddened to learn of the passing of our beloved Patriot Harold Nelson. We have lost the –"Oldest Combat Wounded Veteran" in the Order. It is easy to forfeit what GOD has in store for us either due to our own fears, doubts, or self-preservation. Although in our trials and tribulations we may falter, we are assured that GOD will never leave or forsake us! HE strengthens us to live a life of certainty, especially in these most uncertain times.

A distinguished Combat Wounded Veteran, who endured and never forgot the shattering wounds of war; we the Patriots and Comrades respectfully salute you "Old Soldier and Stalwart of the Military Order Purple Heart."

While reading Nehemiah 8: 1-12, small words often have large implications. We learn YES and NO early in life and soon find that when used right, good things follow- and, when used wrongly, quickly get us into trouble! The Hebrew "amen" is also small but very potent! It is a kind of **Super-yes**. It signals - if it is truly sincere - a large enthusiasm, a deep commitment, and a

resolve to follow through in practice. In Scripture it boils down to agreeing with GOD, completely and without reservation. GOD is our strong salvation, and in HIS strength, we will climb the hills life sets before us. GOD's courage will be ours! Though mystery be HIS mantle and majesty HIS throne, GOD still makes plain His power, and by HIS LOVE is known!

Dearest Family members, fellow Patriots, and all of you who may read this letter, think deeply concerning the futility of human existence; and give heed to the promises of our heavenly Father. Let the faithful devotion of Patriot Harold Nelson serve as an example to all of us. He will be sorely missed but not forgotten!

National Chaplain Carlton Cannon

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF REPARATION
"HONORABLE DISCHARGE"

1. NAME: Nelson, Harold A
2. SERVICE NO: 37 078 482
3. GRADE: S Sgt
4. BRANCH: CMP
5. STATUS: AUS

6. DATE OF REPARATION: 22 Feb 45
7. PLACE OF REPARATION: Appraisal Center
8. ADDRESS: Wichita Falls, Texas
9. DATE OF BIRTH: 28 Feb 1918
10. PLACE OF BIRTH: Volbach, Nebraska

11. HEIGHT: 5'10"
12. WEIGHT: 162 lbs
13. HAIR: Blue
14. EYES: Brown

15. GRADE: Tarpheed General
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17. DATE OF REPARATION: 14 Jul 45
18. PLACE OF REPARATION: Ft Crook, Nebraska

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1988-MI-2	Robert	KNAPP	2023-08-09	2023-09-06
0845-SC-4	Hubert Michael	CARTER	2010-06-03	2023-09-06
0845-SC-4	Harold	WHITMORE	2022-05-03	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	John N	ROBERTS	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Pedro L.	MANGROBANG	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Paul J	LABELLA	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Salvador M	ARENO	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	James Daniel	MOORE	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Roberto A	PALOMAREZ	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Nicholas A	PERRIS	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Paul E	MOISEN	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Burton B	STAFFORD	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Harvey C	LEE	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Gilbert G	ROSA	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Raymond T	LAHAR	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Kenneth E	TARKINGTON	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Edward W	SOVESKY	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Carmine Dante	MARINELLI	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Stanley	CHEFITZ	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Ted	RICHARDS	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Mark E	NAKAZAWA	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Justin	BACA	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	William M	MCMAHON	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	John	CROCHET	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Robert E	THOMAS	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Felix L	AUER	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Kenneth H	BARTON	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Edward G	BELLENDIER	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	John V	AUGUSTINE	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Peter V	PANO	None	2023-09-06
0210-CA-6	Wayne	THOMPSON	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	George	KOJIMA	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	John S.	CERNA	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Richard D.	BRADFIELD	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Joseph F.	GALEA	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Johnny A.	DAVIS	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	James W	ELLIOTT	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Bernie	OWENS	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Garth F.	SHELTON	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	David D.	DRANE	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Grady D.	ROSBOROUGH	None	2023-09-07

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0210-CA-6	Wilbur R	RICHARDSON	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Emmitt R.	MOODY	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Henry G	WINTER	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Donald W.	HANNA	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Frank L	MALDONADO	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	John L.	MILOS	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Ray B	RAINS	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Ned W	CRAWLEY	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Ronald J	ALANIS	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Alvin	WEST	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	David B	RHODES	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Michael H	JOHNSON	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Ronald B	FLYNN	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Tony P	APODACA	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Miguel A	SANCHEZ	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Gary C	HEBERT	None	2023-09-07
0210-CA-6	Walter W	EHMAN	None	2023-09-07
0625-OH-2	Carlos M	EASTERDAY	None	2023-09-12
0625-OH-2	Paul E	LUYSTER	None	2023-09-12
0625-OH-2	Ronald E	MCCLINTOCK	None	2023-09-12
0509-ID-3	Douglas L	DOAN	2023-08-17	2023-09-12
0008-MN-2	William Billy	RODGERS	2023-08-01	2023-09-13
0418-WV-2	Robert W	DEVERICKS	2015-01-22	2023-09-14
DML-SC-4	John A	DICK	2014-03-07	2023-09-14
0589-OK-5	Eule H	MARTIN	1996-06-09	2023-09-14
0392-CA-6	Frank G	CORDERO	None	2023-09-14
2929-CA-6	Charles E	FREEMAN	2014-08-19	2023-09-14
0752-CA-6	Stanley	WILLNER	2014-08-13	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Sherman E	ROODZANT	2022-03-14	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Robert L	FREY	2018-03-20	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Garabed G	ARABIAN	2019-11-09	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Thomas J	ROBERTS	1996-02-18	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Charles A	LUTMAN	2014-01-21	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Richard I K	KEKAHUNA	2016-05-29	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Theodore R	SELDERS	2012-06-07	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Adolph	HILGERT	2018-06-22	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Edwin B	DEARBORN	2019-08-28	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Raymond P	AMADOR	2017-05-02	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Leo R	KUBESKA	2018-03-18	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Rocco E	CAFOLLA	2008-02-15	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Frank	HUEREQUE	2019-12-03	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	John O	LINDGREN	2022-05-03	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Robert	DUGAN	2017-06-01	2023-09-15

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0752-CA-6	E Lee	WILHELM	2013-03-14	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Thomas E	ANTHONY	2002-05-30	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Arnold	HANSON	2015-05-30	2023-09-15
0752-CA-6	Jim O	PILKENTON	2019-02-24	2023-09-15
0490-NY-1	TERRENCE	LARKIN	2023-03-04	2023-09-17
0490-NY-1	Michael L	STUTTARD	None	2023-09-17
0484-TN-4	Carl	SHIPLEY	None	2023-09-17
0484-TN-4	Ralph G	REINAGEL	None	2023-09-17
0484-TN-4	Charles M	GREENE	None	2023-09-17
0484-TN-4	Joseph H	DOW	None	2023-09-17
0484-TN-4	Joseph J	COSCIA	None	2023-09-17
0484-TN-4	Richard G	GONZALES	None	2023-09-17
0484-TN-4	Robert S	ALLEN	None	2023-09-17
0484-TN-4	Russell	KRUCHTEN	None	2023-09-17
0008-MN-2	Brian J	O'BRIEN	None	2023-09-18
0147-OR-3	Edward	MILLER	None	2023-09-18
0484-TN-4	Harry M	FUNK	None	2023-09-18
0691-AZ-6	Ruben	PATINO	2018-03-13	2023-09-18
0691-AZ-6	Lloyd	RICHARDS	2017-10-26	2023-09-18
0691-AZ-6	Kennon	SIMINGTON	2019-09-08	2023-09-18
0691-AZ-6	John	KETCHUM	2022-07-31	2023-09-18
0691-AZ-6	Robert H	KLEISLEY	2021-09-11	2023-09-18
0691-AZ-6	Louis J	NORTH	2018-03-20	2023-09-18
0500-OH-2	Dennis	REMETA	2022-05-13	2023-09-19
0500-OH-2	John	WISSINGER	2019-01-19	2023-09-19
0500-OH-2	Eldon	RAINES	2022-03-11	2023-09-19
0500-OH-2	David E	FORD	2013-10-01	2023-09-19
0500-OH-2	Ronnie H	SWORD	2021-02-19	2023-09-19
0500-OH-2	Thomas Wilbert	SHIPP	2023-05-27	2023-09-19
0500-OH-2	Stephen H	CARROLL	2019-02-08	2023-09-19
0500-OH-2	Douglas G	KIRK	2023-04-13	2023-09-19
0260-NE-2	Donald C	KEMPER	None	2023-09-19
1963-FL-4	William T	HARKINS	2023-05-19	2023-09-19
2206-AL-4	Kenneth	READY	2023-05-02	2023-09-19
0484-TN-4	William B.	GILLIAM	None	2023-09-19
0607-VA-1	Harold	HARRIS	2023-09-13	2023-09-20
1000-GA-4	Russell	MORGAN	None	2023-09-20
0465-GA-4	James	RANGLES	2023-09-04	2023-09-20
0473-OH-2	Thomas	CLINE	2021-12-23	2023-09-21
0473-OH-2	Melvin A	HARPER	2012-09-11	2023-09-21
0473-OH-2	Edwin L	HODGSON	2020-10-12	2023-09-21
0473-OH-2	Marshall	WILLIAMS	None	2023-09-21
0473-OH-2	Jim I	HILL	2019-03-22	2023-09-21

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0473-OH-2	Henry A	WOLOSZYN	2020-03-14	2023-09-21
0473-OH-2	James L	GURCHIK	None	2023-09-21
0473-OH-2	Samuel L	FELTON	2020-05-23	2023-09-21
0473-OH-2	William R	STAFFORD	2022-08-19	2023-09-21
0473-OH-2	Bill	PARSONS	2019-08-21	2023-09-21
0473-OH-2	Joseph S	DIFRANCO	2021-11-12	2023-09-21
0825-LA-5	Ernest	DUPLANTIS	2019-01-09	2023-09-21
0825-LA-5	Hubert J	BARDELEBEN	2022-10-13	2023-09-21
0083-CA-6	Richard R	BOSTER	2015-08-11	2023-09-21
0106-CA-6	George R	RUIZ	2023-09-02	2023-09-21
1777-PA-1	James R	DURBOROW	2023-09-14	2023-09-22
0405-NY-1	Patsy J	SCARPATO	2023-09-19	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Steven	BROWNFIELD	2020-06-18	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	John	HOLCOMB	2020-07-30	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Harry	SCHNEIDER	2019-12-16	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Frank R	VONDRA	2016-03-17	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Walter G.	SLEEZER	2004-11-26	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Calvin Eugene	REICHART	2018-12-09	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Ricardo D	HERNANDEZ	2022-12-03	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Leslie E.	RASMUSSEN	1990-02-27	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Gerald	MAHER	2022-05-05	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	John M	ODOM	2023-06-11	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Marion H	LOGEMANN	2023-04-24	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Francis J	NAUGHTIN	2013-11-06	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Joseph	VOCELKA	2022-05-13	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Wayne C	CRUMLEY	2017-01-01	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Earl L	JONES	2020-04-12	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Gary F	CHLADEK	2017-12-31	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	George E	TOMAIKO	2018-01-11	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Eli A	LANOUE	2019-04-12	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Donald G	CHRISTENSEN	2014-07-05	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Carmon L	WHEATCRAFT	2021-03-28	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Lyle A	DOLL	2020-10-25	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	LEONARD	YAKUS	2023-08-26	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Theodore	MINARD	2020-11-20	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Bobby	NICKELS	2015-02-23	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Larry A	MCDEVITT	2021-08-22	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	John W	ERWIN	2020-06-18	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Harold I	WILLIAMS	2017-10-31	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Benjamin	BLAIR	2022-03-17	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Vern M	MIHULKA	2021-10-07	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Donald RAY	COLLIGAN	2016-03-04	2023-09-22

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0260-NE-2	James P	WHITAKER	2021-10-20	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	John McKee	LARY	2020-02-10	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Wilbur W	WHITNEY	2017-11-08	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Dennis	HENNEMAN	2013-09-15	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Duncan E	HANSEN	2022-12-13	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Roddy R	MOORE	2020-10-30	2023-09-22
0260-NE-2	Edward L	FRICKE	2020-11-29	2023-09-22
0002-CA-6	Edward	WILKINS	2004-10-23	2023-09-22
0002-CA-6	Willie C.	BUSBY	2002-07-20	2023-09-22
0002-CA-6	Raymond L	QUINN	2012-07-06	2023-09-22
0002-CA-6	Robert Russell	PEARCE	2020-08-13	2023-09-22
0002-CA-6	Vagi	VASAI	2007-02-17	2023-09-22
0002-CA-6	John P	CARLAFTES	2015-07-19	2023-09-22
0002-CA-6	Melvin L	ROEBUCK	2019-01-25	2023-09-22
0002-CA-6	David	SCHOUBROEK	2009-02-03	2023-09-22
0002-CA-6	Jay A	LEMBECK	2017-11-26	2023-09-22
0002-CA-6	Carl	DANIEL	2013-04-06	2023-09-22
0385-CA-6	Salvador	GARCIA	2022-09-07	2023-09-22
0156-OH-2	Lawrence	GOODWIN	None	2023-09-23
0156-OH-2	Paul	COATES	None	2023-09-23
0156-OH-2	Robert E	COLE	None	2023-09-23
0156-OH-2	William T	GIESLER	None	2023-09-23
0156-OH-2	Joseph G	WENNEMAN	None	2023-09-23
0156-OH-2	Henry M	FERGUSON	None	2023-09-23
0156-OH-2	Howard W	MORELAND	None	2023-09-23
0156-OH-2	Roger Kenneth	CARTER	None	2023-09-23
0156-OH-2	Ronald P	SAUER	None	2023-09-23
0156-OH-2	George H	SCHMIDLIN	None	2023-09-23
0156-OH-2	Arthur	KATZ	None	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	William L	LYONS	2012-01-02	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	John H	ALLEN	None	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Raymond E	FREY	1984-01-03	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	William A	PING	2016-01-12	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Edward L.	ESKEW	1988-05-13	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	James L.	MELTZER	None	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Paul E	STOCKTON	None	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Thomas J	MCGOWAN	2010-03-11	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Robert A.	WAITS	1991-08-13	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Kenneth L	HARVILLE	2016-05-06	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Bill	HILTON	2015-01-19	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Manuel M	MABUNGA	2004-02-15	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Seymour	KAPLAN	2019-04-13	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Francis J	COLEMAN	2017-02-15	2023-09-23

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1898-CA-6	Kenneth G	EDEN	2006-03-07	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Ralph E	VANDERVORT	2009-04-09	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	George	BUTO	2013-12-12	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Joseph B	MCDIVITT	2019-01-20	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Bernard	ROTHMAN	2017-11-15	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	George W	CARRINGTON	2015-02-21	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Paulino V	ROMERO	2015-11-20	2023-09-23
1898-CA-6	Joe T	MASON	2021-06-20	2023-09-23
1777-PA-1	Albert	ANDREWS	2023-04-18	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	George Henry	LEWIS	2023-05-09	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	Frank A	CHIAVAROLI	2022-12-22	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	James J	ROBINSON	2020-10-31	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	Michael D	FLEMING	2023-04-17	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	Robert	FARRINGTON	2023-04-16	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	Robert G	HABERLE	2022-02-06	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	George M	SNYDER	2022-07-31	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	Edward A	ECKHARDT	2018-09-22	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	Peter E	MUNGER	2021-04-08	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	Louis I	PIATETSKY	2022-01-12	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	Andrew	FUREY	2022-11-01	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	Edgar H	CASE	2022-03-19	2023-09-25
1777-PA-1	Justin	SLATER	2001-02-16	2023-09-25
1981-OH-2	Asia	PETERSON	2017-11-02	2023-09-25
1981-OH-2	Clebert E	BELCHER	None	2023-09-25
1981-OH-2	Morgan J	MEHAN	2001-06-15	2023-09-25
1981-OH-2	John A.	WESTFALL	None	2023-09-25
1981-OH-2	Theodore K	WELCH	None	2023-09-25
1981-OH-2	Donald L	STRAHM	None	2023-09-25
1981-OH-2	Joseph G	WELSH	None	2023-09-25
1981-OH-2	Donald J	WATT	None	2023-09-25
1981-OH-2	Neal A	BENORE	2021-10-07	2023-09-25
1981-OH-2	A Earl	ARMBRUST	None	2023-09-25
1981-OH-2	Leo	ULICZNY	None	2023-09-25
0671-OH-2	Donald P	RICHARDS	None	2023-09-25
0671-OH-2	Kenneth W	HUNTER	None	2023-09-25
1966-NM-5	Remo O	GIANNINI	None	2023-09-25
1966-NM-5	Thaddeus	KOCON	None	2023-09-25
1966-NM-5	Hal K	WILSON	None	2023-09-25
1966-NM-5	Sterling	BUCHOLZ	None	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Lewis E.	SCHARF MD	2006-05-08	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	William T	MCDONALD	2015-11-04	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	James	AURNESS	2011-06-03	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Walter R.	ANDREWS	None	2023-09-25

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1898-CA-6	Anthony	PALMESI	None	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Alfonso	DECASAUS	2017-02-08	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Noble	CINQUE	1991-07-02	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Ray V	BROWN	2009-10-03	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Saul	RUBIN	2006-05-08	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	John Steven	CLACK	2018-02-16	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Charles A	CAINES	2015-04-02	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	John C	BOTTOM	2020-09-14	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Clifford G	REDD	2018-05-22	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Francis	DEBARRY	2013-10-02	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Christopher	SUTTON	2013-04-09	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Daniel C	WILLIAMS	2016-06-19	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Edward J	RASEN	2014-11-12	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	William S	BERRY	2020-01-21	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Mark	WAIND	2001-03-02	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Edward S	MURILLO	2014-04-04	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Ronald D	ROTHLISBERGER	2011-05-06	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Calvin L	LASLEY	2020-02-11	2023-09-25
1898-CA-6	Alfred	GUTIERREZ	2019-06-17	2023-09-25
0462-IA-2	Dennis	JACKSON	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	Charles W	TYSON	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	Erling O	NELSON	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	Gilbert M.	MCCLAIN	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	Gilbert M.	MCCLAIN	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	Merlin H	DYVIG	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	Meinhard J	HOLLMAN	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	Russell A	LOTT	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	Eldon F	RAHMILLER	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	James L	JOHNSON	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	Larry L	PETERSON	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	Harold L	YOUNGER	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	Albert	KLOPPENBORG	None	2023-09-26
0462-IA-2	David W	ADAMS	None	2023-09-26
0699-OH-2	Stanley J	WOLCZYK	None	2023-09-26
0699-OH-2	William D	MAXWELL	None	2023-09-26
0699-OH-2	Joseph J	ZETTI	None	2023-09-26
0699-OH-2	Guy J	ATKINSON	None	2023-09-26
0699-OH-2	Bernard	ROSEN	None	2023-09-26
0699-OH-2	Handy B	WOLF	None	2023-09-26
0699-OH-2	Raymond V	LAMBERT	None	2023-09-26
0699-OH-2	Thomas	FARKAS	None	2023-09-26
0765-OH-2	Robert J	SUDMAN	None	2023-09-26
0765-OH-2	Ronald	MCFANN	None	2023-09-26

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0765-OH-2	Charlie	MEADOWS	None	2023-09-26
0765-OH-2	Kenneth L	WILLISON	None	2023-09-26
0765-OH-2	William C	WASHBURN	None	2023-09-26
0743-OH-2	Russell W	MILLER	None	2023-09-26
0743-OH-2	Okey E	BROOKOVER	None	2023-09-26
0743-OH-2	Donald H	DUNN	None	2023-09-26
0743-OH-2	Glen	CORBETT	None	2023-09-26
0407-WA-3	David Warren	RAYBELL	2023-04-16	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Gerald	FISHER	2021-08-30	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Larry	MOORE	2022-02-10	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Ellis	COLEMAN	2019-11-04	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Warren G	ROLEN	2007-05-27	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Kenneth H	NEASE	2022-12-19	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Joseph W	THOMPSON	2021-09-01	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Paul J	FOODY	2001-11-12	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Randall	SMITH	2023-01-08	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Jimmy Lee	FERGUSON	2017-12-15	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	William F	BALL	2019-12-17	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Dewey Lee	BLAND	2020-01-06	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Thomas G	FORTNEY	2022-01-07	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Charles D	MATLOCK	2022-11-22	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Thomas R	MCWILLIAMS	2023-09-15	2023-09-26
0356-TN-4	Stanley	CASH	2018-06-29	2023-09-26
2206-AL-4	Henry Barnard	GASS	2023-08-28	2023-09-26
0727-LA-5	David	RUNDELL	2023-09-06	2023-09-26
0641-OK-5	Charles E	BRAY	2023-03-17	2023-09-26
0383-CA-6	William	SPIZZIRO	2001-12-04	2023-09-26
0383-CA-6	Severo	FUENTEZ	1997-07-26	2023-09-26
0383-CA-6	Harlan L	SHANKS	1989-03-01	2023-09-26
0383-CA-6	Richard L.	KIRK	2019-06-21	2023-09-26
0383-CA-6	Robert	THARRATT	2017-03-30	2023-09-26
0383-CA-6	Clifford E	JONES	2023-07-16	2023-09-26
0383-CA-6	Russel	FOX	2020-01-27	2023-09-26
0383-CA-6	Darold R	FREEMAN	2007-07-19	2023-09-26
0383-CA-6	William S	REHRER	2015-01-23	2023-09-26
0383-CA-6	Thomas H	THORN	2012-10-08	2023-09-26
3620-OH-2	Amedeo	CERULLO	None	2023-09-27
3620-OH-2	Ronald	WHITACRE	None	2023-09-27
3620-OH-2	Frank F	BATES	None	2023-09-27
3620-OH-2	Thomas E	ANDERSON	None	2023-09-27
3620-OH-2	Howard	WELLS	None	2023-09-27
3620-OH-2	Rudolph	AMLUNG	None	2023-09-27

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0840-OH-2	John R	BOOHER	None	2023-09-27
0840-OH-2	Kenneth	CRASE	None	2023-09-27
0840-OH-2	Donald I	JAKEWAY	None	2023-09-27
0840-OH-2	Paul D	DUNCH	None	2023-09-27
0840-OH-2	Timothy M	KUBICA	None	2023-09-27
0146-KY-2	Louis E	ULRICH	2010-03-17	2023-09-27
0146-KY-2	Noble H	MIDKIFF	2023-01-20	2023-09-27
0767-KY-2	Arnold	BROWN	None	2023-09-27
0148-OH-2	Lawrence B	HARDACRE	None	2023-09-27
0148-OH-2	Merle E	JARVIS	None	2023-09-27
0148-OH-2	Fred E	NIETZ	None	2023-09-27
0148-OH-2	Darren R	BALDWIN	None	2023-09-27
0148-OH-2	Raymond	GREEN	None	2023-09-27
0717-FL-4	Robert S	NUCATOLA	2017-04-15	2023-09-27
0717-FL-4	Arthur	BOROWS	2019-06-05	2023-09-27
0717-FL-4	David D	LOVITZ	2009-04-29	2023-09-27
0717-FL-4	Roland E	MILLER	2019-02-12	2023-09-27
2226-NC-4	Thomas	GRAVLEY	2023-07-07	2023-09-27
0442-AZ-6	Bobby	DAVIS	1997-08-12	2023-09-27
2222-MD-1	Robert L	CURTIS	None	2023-09-28
2222-MD-1	William	HURLEY	None	2023-09-28
0011-PA-1	Donald A.	CAMPBELL	2018-06-19	2023-09-28
0011-PA-1	Harry	MILLER	2005-05-05	2023-09-28
0011-PA-1	Leo I	DAVIS	2010-04-28	2023-09-28
0011-PA-1	Joseph	KALNA	2002-03-03	2023-09-28
0011-PA-1	Joseph	BRZYSKI	2020-08-14	2023-09-28
0011-PA-1	Elwood William	GATES	2009-06-06	2023-09-28
0011-PA-1	Robert D	KANE	2010-09-19	2023-09-28
0011-PA-1	Charles H	KASSEBOHM	2014-10-10	2023-09-28
0011-PA-1	Rocco	LANZA	2014-03-12	2023-09-28
0011-PA-1	Robert E	RICHMOND	2019-03-12	2023-09-28
0011-PA-1	Chester B	HINCEWICZ	2016-10-09	2023-09-28
0011-PA-1	Frank	MILLER	2020-01-15	2023-09-28
0200-NE-2	James S	SACKETT	2022-07-31	2023-09-28
0200-NE-2	Neal Leon	GAY	2022-02-28	2023-09-28
0200-NE-2	Clayton S	SNOVER	2022-08-27	2023-09-28
0200-NE-2	Thomas G	MORGAN	2023-03-02	2023-09-28
0632-NE-2	David	ARBUTHNOT	2022-12-22	2023-09-28
0632-NE-2	Gary	WHEELER	2022-01-28	2023-09-28
0632-NE-2	George N	SPENCER	2022-07-20	2023-09-28

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0632-NE-2	Douglas	CODNER	2023-01-03	2023-09-28
0632-NE-2	Robert D	REAL	2022-10-02	2023-09-28
0632-NE-2	Vernon L	SCHAECHER	2022-02-09	2023-09-28
0632-NE-2	Richard J	RAYBURN	2023-02-06	2023-09-28
0260-NE-2	Joseph L	REMMES	2022-09-07	2023-09-28
0606-OH-2	Ray J	KITTLE	2020-11-08	2023-09-28
0620-OH-2	John	VARNEY	None	2023-09-28
1974-OH-2	Richard G	ROBINETTE	2023-09-25	2023-09-28
2205-AL-4	Everett K	COLE	2023-08-01	2023-09-28
0717-FL-4	William L	BENNY	2018-05-06	2023-09-28
0717-FL-4	Robert	BLITZ	2019-06-29	2023-09-28
0717-FL-4	Harold S	HOCH	2010-02-02	2023-09-28
0549-CA-6	Michael	ROBBINS	2020-10-04	2023-09-28
0549-CA-6	William F.	HAYES	2023-03-08	2023-09-28
0549-CA-6	Tony P	AYRES	2023-07-19	2023-09-28
0549-CA-6	Eugene A	WAHL	2011-11-16	2023-09-28
0549-CA-6	David A.	BAKER	1994-01-30	2023-09-28
0549-CA-6	Delbert S	WERMUTH	2023-04-29	2023-09-28
0549-CA-6	John F	STUSEK	2023-03-25	2023-09-28
0549-CA-6	Joseph D	SPLANE	2020-04-19	2023-09-28
0549-CA-6	Milton	BOREAUX	2017-02-17	2023-09-28
0549-CA-6	Cresencio B	GARCIA	2019-01-29	2023-09-28
0549-CA-6	Jose T	AVELINO	2021-10-27	2023-09-28
0194-MN-2	Donald C	HANNAHS	2023-06-15	2023-09-29
0724-WV-2	Charles	SPURR	None	2023-09-29
0724-WV-2	Roger	ROY	2022-01-04	2023-09-29
0724-WV-2	Frank	MONELL	2019-01-15	2023-09-29
0724-WV-2	John W	PETTIS	None	2023-09-29
0724-WV-2	Louis M	SCOTCHELL	None	2023-09-29
0724-WV-2	Arthur	VINCENT	2021-07-04	2023-09-29
0724-WV-2	Glenn H	PHILLIPS	2019-12-12	2023-09-29
0724-WV-2	Robert Charles	MILLER	None	2023-09-29
0724-WV-2	William D	CARPENTER	2023-03-01	2023-09-29
0724-WV-2	Romeo S	EGIDI	None	2023-09-29
0620-OH-2	Kenneth D	ARNOLD	None	2023-09-29
0620-OH-2	Ronald L	COSS	None	2023-09-29
0620-OH-2	Richard E	HAINES	None	2023-09-29
0620-OH-2	Homer J	CARROLL	None	2023-09-29
0620-OH-2	Robert G	HAHLEN	None	2023-09-29
0620-OH-2	George M	WRATTEN	None	2023-09-29
0620-OH-2	Albert	CARR	None	2023-09-29

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2201-AL-4	Robert L	WILKIE	2017-05-03	2023-09-30
0122-MD-1	Robert J	LYNCH	None	2023-10-01
0197-PA-1	David H	RUPERT	2023-04-22	2023-10-02
0125-MO-2	Roy R	GEORGE	2022-06-04	2023-10-02
0103-CT-1	Thomas	WILLIAMSON	2023-08-31	2023-10-03
0407-WA-3	Thomas G	SOVEY	2022-03-09	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Michael	GUTIERREZ	2023-04-23	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Harold	SMITH	2021-05-27	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Clifford	LOYD	2021-08-10	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Milton L	STALEY	2019-01-19	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Robert D	BATTI	2018-01-25	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Lawrence W	ENCK	2018-12-12	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Allan	JOHNSON	2018-10-20	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Stan	KULAK	2022-11-19	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Thomas N	OGLESBY	2018-06-23	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Fred N	SUTTER	2020-03-13	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Lawrence D	EASTER	2017-11-20	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Russell	ENGEL	2019-09-21	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Joe N	EVANS	2011-07-29	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Marlyn D	TAYLOR	2021-11-01	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	William V	JONES	2014-08-30	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Frank C	RODA	2012-02-23	2023-10-03
2001-CA-6	Marvin W	SIMS	2020-07-01	2023-10-03
0138-IL-2	Lloyd	LAWBER	2023-09-19	2023-10-04
0095-CA-6	Augustine	RODRIGUEZ	1014-11-03	2023-10-04
0095-CA-6	Donald C	WHITNEY	2015-01-09	2023-10-04
0095-CA-6	Francisco C	CABUNOC	2015-04-21	2023-10-04
0095-CA-6	Douglas H	STELLNER	2008-05-06	2023-10-04
0095-CA-6	James R	FARRIS	2016-11-12	2023-10-04
0095-CA-6	Robert E	COX	2007-11-19	2023-10-04
0095-CA-6	Lyle I	MILLER	1014-11-03	2023-10-04
0095-CA-6	Alexander	LIVINGSTON	2007-09-13	2023-10-04
0095-CA-6	Craig Royce	COLEMAN	2022-01-18	2023-10-04
0095-CA-6	Marcelinus F	CANAYA	2008-12-16	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	John W.	HUNT	2015-08-01	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Otis L.	SAMPSON	2011-05-16	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Nathan	BASSEVITCH	2008-05-26	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Harold	FISHER	2015-06-12	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Allton	WILLIAMS	2005-06-25	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Alfonso	LEDESMA	1997-02-21	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Larry	KALOIAN	2009-02-26	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Edwin C	BROOKS	2020-01-29	2023-10-04

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0083-CA-6	William T.	LAWTON	1993-12-29	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Anthony	MARINCOLA	2018-11-08	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Thomas H	REED	2001-02-27	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Simon W A	GARDNER	2009-09-11	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	James W	JOHNSON	2011-06-12	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Armando	BORTOLI	2013-05-10	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Joe L	CONANT	2012-11-11	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Miguel H	TOSTADO	2013-12-07	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Paul S	DEMEIS	2008-10-24	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Edward	HOUSMAN	2016-11-19	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Arnoldo	GARCIA	2013-08-28	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Leonard H	KUSHNER	2010-02-04	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Henry	O'NEILL	2018-05-12	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Alfred	LOPEZ	2018-09-28	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Federico	BLANCO	2019-05-17	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Theodore	GREIG	2012-07-24	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Charles W	OLMSTEAD	2022-12-17	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Don	GONZALES	2012-08-23	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Arthur	SHERMAN	2019-08-01	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Joey	DE PINTO	2018-10-15	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Peter H	PATINO	2017-08-21	2023-10-04
0083-CA-6	Anthony	CORRALES	2014-09-30	2023-10-04
0095-CA-6	William M	OCHINERO	2020-07-20	2023-10-05
1111-CA-6	Morris J	REGAN	2007-06-15	2023-10-05
0197-PA-1	Robert J	WILLIAMS	None	2023-10-08
0197-PA-1	Carl F.	TARDINO	None	2023-10-08
0197-PA-1	Floyd Edward	FRITZ	None	2023-10-08
0197-PA-1	Albert	VESSHINSKY	None	2023-10-08
0197-PA-1	Charles	VARESKO	None	2023-10-08
0197-PA-1	E P	MARCHESE	None	2023-10-08
0197-PA-1	Miguel	ESPINOSA	None	2023-10-08
0197-PA-1	William	PIHL	None	2023-10-08
0197-PA-1	Elmer F	DE LUCIA	None	2023-10-08
0535-FL-4	Paul F	STRATTON	2022-02-07	2023-10-11
0589-OK-5	William	PARKER	2023-09-11	2023-10-11
0383-CA-6	Louis J.	SAKKESTAD	1998-04-18	2023-10-11
DML-CA-6	Mateo P	ROLLA	2004-05-11	2023-10-11
DML-CA-6	Richard B	O'NEAL	2002-10-23	2023-10-11
DML-CA-6	Gerald J.	SILVA	2009-09-01	2023-10-11
DML-CA-6	Charles D.	NEALE	1999-05-15	2023-10-11
DML-CA-6	John R	ZENS	2019-05-14	2023-10-11
DML-CA-6	Lowell R	MCBRIDE	2020-09-15	2023-10-11
DML-CA-6	Herbert	NEUBAUER	2018-03-27	2023-10-11

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0003-NY-1	Lawrence E	MARC-AURELE	2023-09-09	2023-10-16
0460-AR-5	George	LEGER	2021-03-15	2023-10-16
0366-NJ-1	Gregory	SHENLOOGIAN	2023-01-10	2023-10-17
0353-VA-1	Ronald	HETZEL	2023-09-22	2023-10-17
0011-PA-1	Richard L	BOYD	None	2023-10-17
0446-NY-1	Robert E	GABE	2023-05-16	2023-10-17
0021-NY-1	Robert I	WENDLINGER	2007-04-27	2023-10-17
0018-MI-2	William C	JELTEMA	None	2023-10-17
0142-IL-2	Richard L	GUERINE	2021-12-15	2023-10-17
0524-FL-4	Charles P	CALDWELL	2018-11-28	2023-10-17
0354-SC-4	John M	SCHOLL	2020-10-03	2023-10-17
0187-NY-1	Fred	FERGUSON	None	2023-10-18
0021-NY-1	James P	WEBSTER	2023-05-13	2023-10-18
0576-GA-4	Harold Eugene	MANDERS	None	2023-10-18
0106-CA-6	Randell D	WIDNER	2021-07-29	2023-10-18
0417-NY-1	David G	BLANCHARD	2022-09-29	2023-10-19
0036-NJ-1	Leonard	JOHNSON	2015-02-25	2023-10-19
0308-MN-2	James	FELLING	None	2023-10-19
0165-WI-2	James L	JERNEY	None	2023-10-19
0180-MI-2	Elbert	MCKINNY	2023-06-15	2023-10-19
0453-FL-4	William	FITZPATRICK	2017-06-10	2023-10-19
2929-CA-6	Arturo	CERVANTES	2020-08-23	2023-10-19
2929-CA-6	Howard	WARD	1999-04-16	2023-10-19
2929-CA-6	Glenn L	TODD	2003-12-25	2023-10-19
2929-CA-6	Manuel	OLIVAS	2015-11-03	2023-10-19
0190-PA-1	Michael L	PIREDA	2022-02-03	2023-10-20
0691-AZ-6	David	NEY	2023-10-17	2023-10-20
0049-CA-6	Stephen D	BATES	2022-05-21	2023-10-20
0490-NY-1	Joseph F	GIBSON	2020-01-25	2023-10-23
0201-IL-2	Ronald A	HONEYMAN	2013-12-28	2023-10-23
0010-NJ-1	Ralph	KASNOWSKI	2023-08-22	2023-10-24
0036-NJ-1	Stephen M	PAUPST	None	2023-10-24
0551-OR-3	John C	SCHASSEN	None	2023-10-24
0525-GA-4	Clifford	ADAMS	None	2023-10-24
0385-CA-6	Fred	TULLY	None	2023-10-24
0700-NJ-1	Robert	BURDGE	2023-02-28	2023-10-25
0010-NJ-1	Henry	FLEMING	None	2023-10-25
0514-MI-2	Gary P	KROSS	2023-09-08	2023-10-25
0268-MN-2	Kenneth	TINSLEY	2022-06-27	2023-10-25
0201-IL-2	Evaristo S	GUTIERREZ	2023-05-27	2023-10-25
0036-NJ-1	Albert	EHRESMAN	2019-10-22	2023-10-26

Chapter	First Name	Last Name	Date Of Death	Date Death Posted
1513-TX-5	Randy	BROWN	2023-10-04	2023-10-27
0366-NJ-1	William H	TEMPLE	None	2023-10-30
0446-NY-1	Nicholas A	MAURA	2022-06-25	2023-10-30
0001-CT-1	Timothy E	WHELAN	None	2023-10-30
0127-MI-2	James	PIWOK	None	2023-10-30
0142-IL-2	Eugene W	KLOCEK	2020-12-24	2023-10-30
0402-SC-4	Donald W	DAVIS	None	2023-10-30
0402-SC-4	Floyd	ENGLISH	None	2023-10-30
0402-SC-4	George	EGAN	None	2023-10-30
0402-SC-4	Jimmie C	GRABEN	None	2023-10-30
0402-SC-4	James D	KYZER	None	2023-10-30
0423-CO-5	Donald R	MITCHELL	None	2023-10-30

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