



Sunny Jones Chapter 49

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Lemon Grove, CA 91946

Message from the Commander: Joe Petrini

Having only served as your Commander since May, I still feel new and am learning every day. One of the things I have learned is that we have the highest caliber of members that any organization could have. Our members have been supportive and responsive. Whenever asked, you volunteer to make life better for other veterans as well as active military in need. No one could find a more patriotic group anywhere. It is truly an honor to get to know you.

So far this Chapter year, we have participated in the official U.S. Postal Service's unveiling of the "**Purple Heart Forever**" postage stamp. We also acted as hosts for many of our national and departmental Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) officials who travelled to San Diego for this momentous occasion.

We provided representatives to the Annual USS Midway Museum **Veterans Wreath Remembrance** ceremony on Saturday, May 28, on the flight deck of the USS Midway. The ceremony was the kickoff for their Memorial Day Weekend activities and is designed to encourage family attendance as a way to inspire patriotism and appreciation for those who serve.

Our members made presentations at 3 **Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)** and 1 **Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)** awards ceremonies presenting awards from the National MOPH for excellence to deserving cadets.

Members participated on May 30 at the **Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery Memorial Services**.

June 1st through the 4th, we attended the **MOPH Department Convention** in Simi Valley, CA. Gary "Doc" Rutledge from our neighboring North San Diego County MOPH Chapter was elected Department Commander. Department Commander Rutledge has served in various Chapter and Department capacities for many years, including multiple years as Department Adjutant. We can look forward to good things coming from Dept. Commander Rutledge's leadership.

At the same convention, **Diane Petrini**, the current LAMOPH Unit #49 President was elected to the position of Jr. Vice President of the Department of California LAMOPH. We can expect great leadership from Patriot Diane as well.

We had ten Chapter and Unit members serving our veterans at the **VA Hospital** for bingo & snacks on June 30th. Alex Quintanar continues his 20 plus years of chairing the VA Bingo for our Chapter. We are thankful to Past Unit Commander Myrna Ringen for her twenty plus years of service and arranging for the food for our VA patients.

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” Unknown

In early July we lost **Patriot Charles Hargett**. We had over a dozen Chapter 49 members. In addition, Department officers and other Chapter's members joined us at his Memorial Service and interment at the new Miramar National Cemetery. Patriot Hargett served as Commander of the North San Diego County Chapter for six years and held various positions at the Department level, ranging from: Jr. Vice Commander to Department Inspector. Patriot Hargett went out of his way to counsel, advise and encourage every MOPH member who was fortunate to make his acquaintance. He dedicated countless hours to helping veterans throughout the State. He is a leader who will be sadly missed but remembered with honor.

We had a great turnout at our **Purple Heart Day Ceremony** August 6th honoring our comrades who have passed and those who are currently serving. The ceremony was followed by our inaugural meeting at our new meeting space. Many thanks to the Veterans Museum & Memorial Center (VMC) for providing us with outstanding facilities.

Ladies Auxiliary News

The Ladies Auxiliary members are busy planning for our fall activities. We welcome all Ladies to our meetings and to participate in our activities. We also encourage Chapter Members to encourage their Spouses, Daughters, and Granddaughters to join the LAMOPH. Please join in us in welcoming new members: **Vikki Fishel** and **Latrisha Hernandez**.

Our Third Annual Essay contest for the fifth graders in the Chula Vista School district will be held in late October. The essay subject, **“Why it is Important to Thank a Veteran”** reminds and teaches students about the importance of our servicemen and women and veterans to the freedom of our great nation. Veterans residing at the Veterans' Home of California, Chula Vista, will once again select the winning essay. The committee is looking for Ladies to serve on the committee to select the essay finalist. This involves one afternoon of reading the 100 + essays and narrowing the selections to the top 10 finalists. Past President Cheryl Perez is chairwoman of this Essay Committee. Please contact Cheryl at 619-997-5501 or LAMOPH49@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on this Committee.

The **Afternoon Tea for Women Veterans** will be held on Thursday, November 17th at the Veterans Home of California, Chula Vista. The Women Veterans at the Home enjoyed the Victorian Tea sponsored by the LAMOPH last year featuring a fashion show of Victorian clothing. We look forward to this year's event. If you would like to attend the Tea and assist in the set up and serving, please contact President Diane Petrini at LAMOPH49@gmail.com or 619-379-2513.

The **Annual Holiday Luncheon** will be on Sunday, December 11th. Please see the flyer enclosed in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 10, 2011 Poway Patriot Parade:



MOPH Chapter 0049 has been approached by the 2011 Patriotic Parade Chair and asked to participate in the **Poway Parade for Saturday, September 10, 2011**. The matter was discussed in our chapter meeting of August 6, 2011 and was overwhelmingly approved. This exciting event requires that the Chapter provide approximately 10 Purple Heart recipients to ride on the float that is being designed and built by the Parade committee. For those members who are disabled and not mobile enough to ride on the float, there will be a GMC/SUV that will follow the float and can accommodate 6 additional members. This is an opportunity to get the MOPH "face" before the community while fulfilling our constitutional principles and objectives of: "...preserving and strengthening comradeship and patriotism among its members; and, "... cooperating with other civic and patriotic organizations having worthy objectives." Adjutant Miller is working with the Poway group to ensure that we meet the deadlines.

I am asking that you respond immediately to let Ulysses know that you will be one of the 16 volunteers for the Purple Heart Float or the Purple Heart SUV. It is important that we get your commitment early so that publication deadlines can be met. Adjutant Miller can be contacted at (619) 262-1693 or at UMiller@cox.net.

Saturday, September 17, 2011 Our Annual Chapter #49 Picnic

Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: Pepper Grove Picnic & Playground area Balboa Park

The Pepper Grove picnic area is located West of Park Blvd; South of the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center and North of the Centro Cultural de La Raza.

Parking: Parking lot south of the Fleet Science Center (Park near the restrooms) or on Park Blvd.

What: A picnic hosted by your Chapter. No need to bring anything with you, everything will be provided except beach chairs if you desire them. Chairman Nick Pylypowicz has planned to prepare a spectacular menu including Potato salad, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausage, Italian sausage, soda, water and a surprise dish.

We need volunteers to help with the picnic, we need a volunteer to:

1. Bring Ice

2. Reserve tables early (7:30 am)

Reserve tables with placard or sign to identify tables for Chapter use. Our early riser can wipe tables and put out tablecloths as well as caution tape or something similar to cordon off the area we will use.

Please contact Nick Pylypowicz at 619-994-9868 to help!

New Meeting Place and Dates:

Sunny Jones Chapter of the MOPH has moved its meeting location to:

Veterans Museum & Memorial Center (VMMC)

2115 Park Boulevard

San Diego, CA 92101

The new meeting dates are now:

The first Saturday of the month, excepting the month of September 2011 due to our annual picnic.

Meeting time: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The VMMC offers ample parking and is “handicap accessible.” We think the central location of Balboa Park, great parking, and accessibility make the location ideal. We are hoping to see more of our members able to attend.

Our next meeting at the new location will be on October 1, 2011.

New Bereavement Committee:

Patriot Alex Quintanar, a longtime member and Past Chapter and California Department Commander has agreed to chair a bereavement committee. Patriot Alex will watch the obituary columns to identify Purple Heart recipients and Chapter members who have passed away. He will then organize volunteers to attend funerals and memorials for our departed members of the Purple Heart community. Please call Patriot Alex Quintanar at 619-889-3804 if you are available to serve.

VA Bingo: Our next Chapter VA Bingo will be Thursday September 29, 2011. Please show up to help at 6:15 pm to help set up. The location is the Veterans Administration Medical Center, 3350 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92161

Chapter Financial Support Needed

The Chapter needs your help! We are asking for a donation from each Chapter member to help cover the cost of operations. We have a donor who will contribute one dollar to our Welfare Fund for every dollar donated to this fund drive, up to a maximum of \$2,500.

Please help us. The Chapter has no annual dues and our only money comes from your generosity. The newsletter, postage, the chapter picnic in September, paper products & supplies for our chapter meetings, VA Bingo and various veteran and active duty requests throughout the year are some of the Chapter expenses that will be paid through your donations. If you haven't already responded, please do so now. We ask that you send your donation to the Chapter before September 1, 2011.

Donations should be made payable to:
MOPH, Chapter #49
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We are suggesting \$25.00 per member, or whatever you can afford. This gives all of our members the opportunity to help our fellow Patriots and their families. We know this may be a lot to ask after all that some of our members have done to help our combat wounded, but this is a “Roll Call” that all of our members should make.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our Chapter.



MOPH/LAMOPH Annual Holiday Luncheon



Date: Sunday, December 11, 2011

Time: 12 noon to 3 pm

Place: Best Western Seven Seas

411 Hotel Circle South

San Diego, CA 92108

Cost: \$17.00 per person*

Entree 1: Chicken Cordon Bleu: Breaded Boneless Breast of Chicken filled with Sliced Ham and Swiss Cheese, Served with Rice and Seasonal Vegetables.

Entree 2: Tender Pot Roast: Oven Roasted Beef, cooked with Carrots, Celery & Onions. Served with Roasted Potatoes, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables.

Both Lunch Entrees include Salad, Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert.

Please complete the form below including your selection for entree. Mail the completed form, with your check made **payable to LAMOPH, Unit 49 to :**



LAMOPH, Unit 49
c/o Myrna Ringen
5811 Uhl Street
San Diego, CA 92105-3919



If you have have any questions, please call Myrna at (619) 997-5501

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Mail to: LAMOPH, Unit 49, c/o Myrna Ringen, 5811 Uhl Street, San Diego, CA 92105-3919

NAME: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Entree choice: # _____ Pot Roast # _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu

Number of Attendees: _____ Names of Guests: _____

Amount enclosed: \$17.00 x _____ Guests = \$ _____

*Christmas Luncheon Subsidized by the MOPH and Arranged by the LAMOPH
Reservations and payment due by December 2, 2010



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 10, 2011	Patriot Day Parade Poway
September 17, 2011	MOPH Chapter Annual Picnic Balboa Park
September 30, 2011	MOPH Sponsored Bingo at the VA Medical Center
October 1, 2011	MOPH Chapter/Unit #49 Monthly Meeting
November 5, 2011	MOPH Chapter/Unit #49 Monthly Meeting
November 10, 2011	San Diego Veterans Day Parade  USMC Birthday
November 17, 2011	LAMOPH Afternoon Tea for Women Veterans
December 10, 2011	Wreaths Across America, Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery
December 11, 2011	MOPH Chapter/Unit #49 Holiday Luncheon