




**Sunny Jones Chapter 49, San Diego  
Military Order of the Purple Heart**

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## SUNNY JONES CHAPTER 49 – AUGUST BULLETIN

August is now starting and we are well into the second half of the year 2009. I hope all of you had a pleasant and safe July.

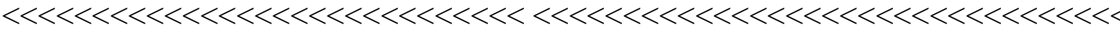
We had our second Bingo night this year at the La Jolla Veterans Hospital on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The patients always enjoy this program that the chapter puts on for them. The patients always appreciate what we do for them and it is very satisfying to all of us.

Our next Bingo night this year will be September 30, 2009. I hope all of you will have the opportunity to visit this hospital and will join us in the bingo games. We do them each month that has a fifth Thursday.

For information on this program, you can phone Commander Ulysses Miller at (619) 262-1693 or email him at: [umiller@cox.net](mailto:umiller@cox.net); or call Rodney Barrett at (858) 642-1718 or email at: [rbarrett@san.rr.com](mailto:rbarrett@san.rr.com); or call Juan A. (Alex) Quintanar at (858) 874-3483.

I wish all of you a pleasant and safe August and pray that you will have enjoyable summer months with all the new activities and memories.

Chapter Chaplain Rodney Barrett  
God Bless



- \*New Information For Members:
- \*Department of California website: <http://calpurpleheart.org> (under construction)
- \*\*National Purple Heart website: <http://www.purpleheart.org>

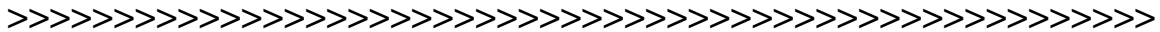
# A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER



The month of August generally produces long, hot, lazy days of summer and this month is no different. Many of the chapter members regret being unable to attend the National Convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) being held in Rogers, Arkansas, due to prior commitments or vacations already planned with the family. But we are actively planning to attend our chapter meeting on August 8, 2009, at the American Legion Post 460, on Convoy and Armour Streets.

At our meeting, we will celebrate the Purple Heart Day (August 7<sup>th</sup>). August 7, 1782, which represents the first issuance of the Badge of Military Merit, which would later be renamed the Purple Heart. The celebration will include an extraordinary **potluck luncheon** that should not be missed. So this long, hot, month of August is a very significant event in the life of all Purple Heart recipients. **Happy Birthday!**

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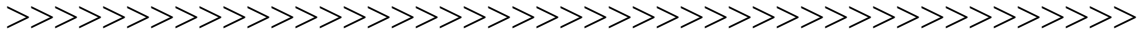
U.S. veterans who helped in the liberation of France during WWII may be eligible to receive the French Legion of Honor, a medal previously issued only to the WWI veterans. The French government has asked the Secretary of the VA for assistance in identifying qualified American veterans for consideration to receive the medal.

Commander Miller has put together a couple of the packages for submittal to the French Consulate and is willing to assist those Purple Heart veterans who fought in France, and other veterans, with the appropriate documentation. This is a unique opportunity to qualify for a prestigious honor and should not be missed. Applications are reviewed by a committee in Paris. French consulates in the U.S. are charged with distributing approximately 100 medals annually. For more information, please review the March/April edition of the Purple Heart magazine at page 15 and the May/June edition of the Purple Heart magazine at page 31.

Members of the Army, Army Air Corp, Navy, and Coast Guard who participated in one of the four major campaigns in the liberation of France (Normandy, Southern France, Northern France and the Ardennes) are eligible.

The French Legion of Honor is the medal shown in the header, above.

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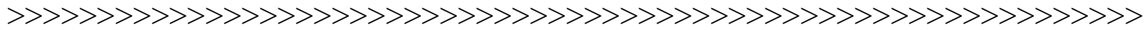
# CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS

## 1. [KCEO AM 1000 RADIO BROADCAST](#)

On Saturday, July 11, 2009, Commander Miller was featured on KCEO, AM 1000, on the radio with Andrew Warburton. Mr. Warburton is a patriotic transplant from Leeds, England and he has a strong respect for military tradition and the contributions of the military to American society. The program is called, “The Great American Decision,” and is on each Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The program will feature interesting contributions being made by local citizens and organizations and may include timely interviews with other Purple Heart recipients. The program has a mission to inspire America to act – to take affirmative and practical action as we shape the America of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The station is owned by the Astor Broadcast Group and is located in Carlsbad, CA. The link below has the show of July 11, 2009. Commander Miller’s interview is in the last 15 minutes of the program

[Go to this link http://kceoradio.com/marketwrap/Great%20American%20Decision/GrtAmerDesc071109.mp3](http://kceoradio.com/marketwrap/Great%20American%20Decision/GrtAmerDesc071109.mp3)



2. **MEDAL OF HONOR/PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT - JOHN FINN'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY AT NAVAL AIR STATION NORTH ISLAND (NASNI), CORONADO, CA**

Lieutenant John Finn, U.S. Navy (Retired), served his country with distinction from 1926 – 1956. Lt. Finn, **a member of MOPH Chapter 0049**, was born in Los Angeles in 1909. He spent his early years in southern California. In 1926, he joined the United States Navy at the age of 17, after obtaining permission from his mother. Rising through the ranks, Lt. Finn was a Chief Ordnanceman at NAS Kaneohe Bay, Territory of Hawaii at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu on 7 December 1941. For his heroic actions on that fateful morning, he was awarded the *Medal of Honor*, presented to him in the fall of 1942 by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. He was also awarded the *Military Order of the Purple Heart* for wounds received in battle.

During his career, Lieutenant Finn served with several aircraft squadrons and a number of ships, including the aircraft carriers USS Saratoga (CV 3) and USS Hancock (CV 19). Lieutenant Finn retired from naval service in 1956 and currently resides in California. At 100 years, he is the oldest living *Medal of Honor* recipient.

*“The honor of your presence is request to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Lieutenant John W. Finn, U.S. Navy (Retired) on Saturday, the twenty-fifth of July at twelve o’clock. John H. Towers Sea Cabin, Naval Base Coronado, San Diego, California”*

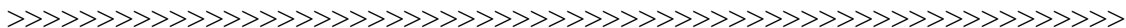
Commander Miller and Past Department Commander/Adjutant Alex Quintanar were recipients of an invitation and represented Chapter 0049 at the gala affair.



Lt. Finn shaking hands



Lt. Finn cutting cake at 100



3. **A COMMEMORATION OF KOREAN WAR VETERANS AND PLAQUE DEDICATION AT MOUNT SOLEDAD, LA JOLLA, CA**

On July 27, 2009, the Korean Association of Korean War Veterans held a commemoration of the anniversary of the Armistice of the Korean War. This commemoration celebrates the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America coming to the aid of the Republic of Korea. The celebration was held at the monument atop of Mount Soledad in La Jolla, CA, and was attended by approximately 100 patriots of Korean-American veterans and American veterans.

Dr. Kim Ki Hong, President of the Korean Association of Korean War Veterans, and a member of Chapter 0049 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, officiated the greeting and introduced the guest. The Keynote Speaker was Air Force Brig. General Earl Van Inwegen. The General recalled flying troop carrier missions transporting Korean troops in both Korea and Viet-Nam. At the end of ceremonies, a wreath was laid and Dr. Kim dedicated a plaque to several member of the Korean Assoc.

Chapter 0049 had several Korea veterans in attendance including Patriot Frank Kaigler and his family; Junior Vice Commander, Tom Adams and his family; and California Department Commander, Max Tadlock and his family. Chapter Commander Ulysses Miller and his family, and Chaplain Rodney Barrett along with his family also attended the ceremony.



Rodney Barrett & Frank Kaigler

Mrs.Barrett, Miller, Kaigler and daughter



Korean Vets Banner.





## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Date	Campaign	Service Component
Christopher E. Arredondo, Jr.	08/01/1984	Iraqi Freedom	Navy
A. M. Case	08/04/1931	Korea	Marine Corp
John Allen Shaw	08/05/1950	Viet-Nam	Army
Michael A. Musick, Jr.	08/07/1980	Iraqi	Marine Corp
Steve D. Dimond-Smith	08/07/1939	Viet-Nam	Air Force
Carolyn T. Schmaltz	08/10/1926	Associate	Associate
Michael Puraty	08/11/1948	Viet-Nam	Army
Joseph Timothy Pawlowski	08/17/1982	Iraqi Freedom	Marine Corp
George A. Young	08/17/1960	Iraqi Freedom	Navy
Jorge A. Zapata	08/17/1983	Iraqi Freedom	Marine Corp
Robert E. Thompson	08/19/1925	World War II	Navy
Leo E. Wines	08/20/1918	World War II	Army
Arthur L. Anderson	08/20/1925	World War II	Marine Corp
Ferdinand Celeste	08/20/1925	World War II	Army
Roger E. Hayden	08/26/1945	Viet-Nam	Navy
Chris Chandler	08/27/1980	Afghanistan	Marine Corp
Hugh D. Trevathan	08/28/1942	Viet-Nam	Army
John O. Martin	08/30/1947	Viet-Nam	Air Force

### LADIES AUXILIARY: WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Name	City	Relationship	Chapter
Katherine Anderson	Colorado Springs	Grand-daughter*	0049
Linda Faoro	Tahoe City, CA	Grand-daughter*	0049
Mary Lou Faoro	Oceanside, CA	Daughter*	0049
Sheila Flowers	San Diego, CA	Daughter*	0049

\*Purple Heart recipient

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### **LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS (cont.)**

The Ladies Auxiliary provided a check to the VAMC La Jolla for a fountain to improve the ambiance of the patients in the outdoor healing garden. A plaque will be placed on the fountain in memory of VAVS Representative , Jennie Lea Elliott.

August is not only the month that we honor Purple Heart recipients, but August 14<sup>th</sup> is also *V-J Day*, the end of WWII. My children and I are very honored to be a part of "*Stories-of-Service*" which teams students with veterans (mainly WWII) to help them make digital documentaries of their service. They are kicking off their new project, **Keeping The Spirit of '45 Alive**, on August 14, 2009. This is a nation-wide project with a lot of pizzazz with the likes of Tony Curtis, Ernest Borgnine and Edith Shain (the nurse being kissed in the famous photo).

We start the project off with a press conference at the Chula Vista Veteran Home on August 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by a short reception with students speaking with veterans and others who remember the day. If you would like more information about the project, how you can submit your memories, or about attending the event on August 14<sup>th</sup> in Chula Vista, please contact me at [itphc@cox.net](mailto:itphc@cox.net) or (619) 426-5501.

**Cheryl Perez, Auxiliary President**