



THE PURPLE HEARTBEAT
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS' NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ADJUTANT'S CALL . . .

Dear Patriots,

Looking Forward . . . This is our last Newsletter before Convention and, as always, I look forward to meeting commanders and delegates both on and off the floor. I particularly value your inputs because they come from the Chapter and Department levels where MOPH operations move from concept to reality. One suggestion - although I always have my notebook - please put the gist of your comments on a 3x5 card with your name and contact information for me. That will ensure a timely and appropriate response.

Well Done. I'm sure there will be more laudatory comments from Leadership, but I want to commend Convention Chairman Robert Puskar and all the other Patriots in the Arizona Department for their outstanding planning and execution of the 80th National Convention. Patriot Puskar's leadership, imagination and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Convention Colors. At the request of the Leadership, colors of the day will not be specified for this Convention.

Individual Printing Needs. If you need something printed or copied while at Convention, please use the Resort's Business Center which is open 24/7.

Life Member Rebates. Chapters and Departments need to file the following four reports to receive rebate checks: Election, Finance, IRS 990 and Life Member Verification. The first three already should be filed and the Verification Report is due October 1st. All four reports = REBATE FUNDS!!!

National Convention Roll Call and Voting Precedence. Honors go to Region III to lead off all Roll Calls and Convention voting. On Saturday, August 11, Region and National Officer voting will commence with Region Commander nominations/Region voting (R3,R4 . . . R2), then other National Officer nominations and voting (R3 - Alaska, Idaho . . . R4 - Alabama, Florida . . . Tennessee, etc.)

Yours in Patriotism,
Jack Leonard



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A ship is always referred to as "she" because it costs so much to keep her in paint and powder.
C.W. Nimitz, Remarks to the Society of Sponsors, US Navy, 13 February 1940

DATABASE FOR MILITARY HONORS

Probably in reaction to the recent decision of the Supreme Court on stolen valor, the Pentagon plans to establish a database of military awards and medals, hoping for a technological fix to the problem of people lying about earning military honors. Details have yet to be worked out, but the intent is to have a digitized repository of records for award and medals going back as far as possible. Such a database would make it easier to check on award claims and perhaps deter some who would make false public claims. [Washington



Post, 11 July 2012]

Comment: Data creation will be the major problem in this project, requiring the review of a myriad of individual and organization historic records to extract information.

PATRIOTS WERE MEMBERS OF WWII “BAND OF BROTHERS”

Patriot Edward “Eddie” Joseph Joint, member of MOPH Chapter 0147 in Pennsylvania, died on 12 May 2012 and Patriot Joseph A. Lesniewski, member of MOPH Chapter 0197, also in Pennsylvania died on May 23, 2012. Both were members of Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, known as the **Band of Brothers** that invaded Normandy and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. The unit’s history was made into a ten part HBO WWII miniseries that ran in 2001, based on a book with the same name by Stephen Ambrose.



POSSIBLE RETURN TO FORMER SOUTHEAST ASIA BASES

In response to China’s growing military power and its recent claims to disputed areas, our military planners reportedly are considering a return to former bases in Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines. In Thailand, they’re looking at U-Tapao, with its US built airfield with two mile runways which housed B-52 bombers during the Vietnam War and showing interest in more visits to Thai ports. In Vietnam, the large naval and air base at Cam Ranh Bay is of high interest - its deep water port and adjoining airfield make it an ideal location to support Seventh Fleet operations. And in the Philippines, both the Subic Bay Port/Cubi Point Airfield complex and Clark Air Base were key repair and supply hubs during the Vietnam war and could be the same for future US operations. Bases in all three countries could support deploying the new P-8A Poseidon reconnaissance and ASW aircraft in place of the current P-3C Orions, basing the new Littoral Combat Ships and flying high altitude surveillance drones. Subic Bay is also a natural deep water port like Cam Ranh and still has extensive repair facilities. At present, we have agreements with Australia, Singapore and Japan for military support; whether other Asian countries provide similar support will depend upon their reactions to China’s flexing of its developing military muscles.



ACTOR ERNEST BORGNINE DIES - NAVY VETERAN

“I wouldn’t trade those 10 years for anything. The Navy taught me a lot of things. It molded me as a man, and I made a lot of wonderful friends.”



Ernest Borgnine, Oscar winning actor who died at age 95 on July 8, 2012. Borgnine joined the Navy in 1935, was discharged in 1941, re-enlisted when the United States entered World War II, and served until 1945 (a total of ten years), reaching the rate of Gunner's Mate 1st Class. He served aboard the destroyer *USS Lambertson* (DD-119). Borgnine received the honorary rating of Chief Petty Officer in October 2004.

NATIONAL CONVENTION NOTES:

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION: After your luggage has been retrieved, find the courtesy phone located at the NORTH door of the baggage claim area. **Dial 40 which is the number labeled “The Scottsdale Plaza Resort.”** Guests will be asked your name and your flight information – you will then be directed to an exit door number; cross the street to the Resort Shuttles Vehicle Loading area – The Shuttle is marked “**The Scottsdale Plaza Resort.**” The \$17.00 charge per person each way – includes the driver gratuity – this is posted directly to your room account. Shuttle departs every half-hour on the hour and the half hour between 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. seven days a week.

ALL WHO REQUIRE HANDICAPPED/LIFT SHUTTLE SERVICE FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL Special Shuttle Service will need to be arranged through: Quality Transport Services

PROCESS: Due to Airport congestion and TSA security requirements, they require 24 hour advance notice of flight time arrivals. They do not have a toll-free number, but passengers can use email (INFO@QTSaz.com) or actually book your travel reservation on their website (www.QTSaz.com) and they will immediately call back or email back with a confirmation. Payment by CC is fine for any of the travelers. They’ll take the card at the time of reservation and charge it when trip is completed.

*** QTS located 5 minutes from the Airport - so arriving passenger simply call their 24 hour number [602.371.1000](tel:602.371.1000) when in the terminal and ready for pick-up. Since they aren't allowed to wait by the terminal, calling from the airport is simply to confirm safe arrival, retrieval of bags and ready to head on over. **Depending on arrival times** - QTS will transport one or two persons at a time. If you are traveling with a companion or service animal, please let them know if advance. There is no additional charge for a companion.

*****Rates for Pick-Up, including luggage, and gratuity - \$68.00**

Recommended that you make your reservation well in advance - and they'll let them know about calling for pick-up with your confirmation. They hope to minimize any confusion.

For any Special Events QTS also has special rates for veterans for personal transportation if you would like to get out during the week for any of the special events - just call their number any time for a reservation. *****BE SURE TO SCHEDULE YOUR RETURN TRIP**



L-R: Jim Hontz, Adjutant Chapter 2222 MD; Al Hammock, Commander Chapter 2222; Cornell Ford, Department Chaplain; Jim Hauser, Past Department Commander. Department Commander Charles Eggleston was present but not in photo.

MOPH IN NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Once again, MOPH was the only Congressionally Chartered veterans organization in the 4th of July Independence Day Parade along Constitution Avenue in Washington DC. Chapter 2222 first appeared in the 1995 parade and there’s been a Purple Heart unit in the parade every year since. Thousands of spectators from all over the nation and the world line the parade route to watch the participating units stream by.

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING VETERANS - ONE OF A SERIES

USO'S NEW INITIATIVE - HEALING WITH HONOR

USO (United Service Organizations) is developing a new initiative called **Healing With Honor** - "perhaps the most important we've ever undertaken." The program will build from existing services that include physical health and recreation, behavioral health and wellness, education, employment, family support and reintegration into civilian life. Ground already has been broken for its first Warrior and Family Care Center at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. A second Center will be built at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.



Until Every One Comes Home.®

At the same time, USO will continue to provide "caring and compassionate support to wounded warriors and their families at every opportunity and at every USO facility around the world." It just opened a new Warrior Recovery Center in Kandahar, Afghanistan, and will be opening more at many of its other Centers in Afghanistan.

The private non-profit USO was founded in 1941 in response to a request from President Franklin D. Roosevelt to provide morale and recreation services to U.S. uniformed military personnel. Roosevelt was elected as its honorary chairman. This request brought together six civilian organizations: the Salvation Army, Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), National Catholic Community Service, National Travelers Aid Association and the National Jewish Welfare Board. They were brought together under one umbrella to support U.S. troops. Roosevelt said he wanted "these private organizations to handle the on-leave recreation of the men in the armed forces." According to historian Emily Yellin, "The government was to build the buildings and the USO was to raise private funds to carry out its main mission: boosting the morale of the military."

Since 1941, USO has worked in partnership with the Department of Defense (DOD), relying heavily on private contributions and on funds, goods, and services from various corporate and individual donors. Although congressionally chartered, it is not a government agency. The USO operates 160 centers worldwide in 14 countries and 27 states. In 2011, USO Centers served eight million visitors. The USO has a paid staff of approximately 300. Additionally, more than 44,000 USO volunteers provide an estimated 371,417 hours of service annually. As reported by the USO, the unpaid volunteer to paid employee ratio overseas is 20 to 1. Within the United States, the number is "significantly higher".

[Source: various]

LIMITED EDITION MOPH WHITE WESTERN HAT



To celebrate the Western Tradition of the Southwest, MOPH ordered a limited number (50) of this distinctive white felt hat. This hat will be available ONLY at our National Convention in Scottsdale and only on a first come, first paid basis (credit card only). To confirm your order and arrange payment, contact Jennifer at 1-888-668-1656 or email at: jpereyra@purpleheart.org. Price is \$30. Two sizes are available: S/M and L/XL. Hats will be available for pick up at the HQ Office at the National Convention. Refunds will be considered after the Convention.

7/11/2012

80th National Convention, Scottsdale, Arizona
7 - 11 August 2012
Preliminary Schedules

MOPH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 — 5:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
8:00 — 5:00 National Office
9:00 — 5:00 Registration
9:00 — 11:30 National Finance Committee
11:30 — 1:00 **New Attendee Lunch Buffet**
1:30 — 3:00 NFC Continuation if required
3:00 — 5:00 National Executive Committee
7:00 — 8:00 **Joint MOPH/LAMOPH Opening**
8:00 — 11:00 Hospitality-Southwestern Night

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
7:00 — 8:30 **NC Breakfast (Dept Cmdrs)**
8:00 — 5:00 National Office
8:00 — 5:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
8:30 — 11:30 Convention Business Session
12:00 — 1:30 **PNC/PNP Lunch**
1:30 — 5:30 Convention Business Session-Workshops
5:30 Legislative Committee
6:00 Publications Committee
7:00 Bylaws Committee
7:00 — 11:00 Hospitality-Country Western Night

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
6:30 — 8:00 **Time and Place Committee**
8:00 — 11:30 Convention Business Session
8:00 — 12:00 National Office
8:00 — 5:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
1:00 — Local Event or Free Time
6:00 — 11:00 Hospitality-Caribbean Night

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
8:00 — 12:00 Convention Business Session
8:00 — 3:00 National Office
8:00 — 3:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
1:00 — 3:00 Regional Caucuses
4:00 — 5:00 **Memorial Service**
7:00 — 11:00 Hospitality-Sixties Night

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
8:00 — 11:00 Convention Business Session
11:00 — 12:30 National Executive Committee
1:30 — 3:30 National Finance Committee
4:00 Catholic Mass
6:00 **Reception**
7:00 **Banquet (Suit/Tie/Black-tie)**

LAMOPH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 — 5:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
8:00 — 5:00 National Office
9:00 — 5:00 Registration
12:00 — 2:00 National Finance Committee

2:00 — 5:00 National Executive Committee
7:00 — 8:00 **Joint MOPH/LAMOPH Opening**
8:00 — 11:00 Hospitality-Southwestern Night

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
8:00 — 5:00 National Office
8:00 — 5:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
8:00 — 11:30 Convention Business Session
12:00 — 1:30 **PNC/PNP Lunch**
1:30 — 5:30 Convention Business Session

7:00 — 11:00 Hospitality-Country Western Night

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
8:00 — 12:00 Convention Business Session
8:00 — 12:00 National Office
8:00 — 5:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
1:00 — Local Event or Free Time
6:00 — 11:00 Hospitality-Caribbean Night

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
8:00 — 12:00 Convention Business Session
8:00 — 3:00 National Office
8:00 — 3:00 Vendors and Exhibitors
1:00 — 3:00 **LAMOPH Tea**
4:00 — 5:00 **Memorial Service**
7:00 — 11:00 Hospitality-Sixties Night

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

6:30 Religious Observances
6:30 — 8:00 Hospitality
8:00 — 11:00 Convention Business Session
11:00 — 12:30 National Executive Committee
1:30 — 3:30 National Finance Committee
4:00 Catholic Mass
6:00 **Reception**
7:00 **Banquet –Dress Accordingly**

*** THIS SCHEDULE IS PRELIMINARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF CONVENTION***

MOPH CALENDAR

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WAR BIRDS



The **Grumman F6F Hellcat** was a WWII carrier-based fighter aircraft specifically designed to counter the Japanese **Zero**. Standard armament was six .50 in machine guns and six HVARs under the wings. In the critical years of 1943 and 1944, the Hellcat ruled the skies of the Western Pacific. During the Battle of the Philippine Sea, it shot down so many enemy aircraft that aircrews nicknamed the battle *The Great Marianas Turkey Shoot*. The **Hellcat** was credited with destroying 5,271 aircraft while in service with the US Navy and Marine Corps. Postwar, it was phased out of front line service, but remained active as late as 1954 as a night fighter. The French Air Force used F6F's in Indochina and the Uruguayan Navy used them until the early 1960's. Top **Hellcat** ace was Medal of Honor recipient Navy CDR David McCampbell with 34 kills. He was awarded his MOH for leading his outnumbered fighter planes against a force of 80 Japanese carrier based aircraft bearing down on the US Fleet during the Battle of the Philippine Sea in 1944. He personally destroyed seven hostile planes.

JULY 2012	
18.....	INVESTMENT COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE
20.....	PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR ANNUAL MEETING, NY
AUGUST 2012	
01.....	MAGAZINE DEADLINE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ISSUE
07.....	PURPLE HEART DAY
07-11	NATIONAL CONVENTION, SCOTTSDALE AZ
16.....	NATIONAL PURPLE HEART RECOGNITION CEREMONY MOUNT VERNON, VIRGINIA
SEPTEMBER 2012	
03.....	LABOR DAY—HQ CLOSED
13-16	LEADERSHIP/NFC MEETING, DALLAS TX
OCTOBER 2012	
01.....	MAGAZINE DEADLINE - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
08.....	COLUMBUS DAY - HQ CLOSED
17.....	INVESTMENT COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE
25-27	AMERICAN VETERANS' CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON DC
26.....	PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR MEETING, NEW YORK
NOVEMBER 2012	
04.....	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
06.....	ELECTION DAY
11.....	VETERANS DAY
12.....	VETERANS DAY OBSERVED - HQ CLOSED
22-23	THANKSGIVING - HQ CLOSED
DECEMBER 2012	
01.....	MAGAZINE DEADLINE - JANUARY/FEBRUARY
07.....	PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
24 - 25	CHRISTMAS - HQ CLOSED
2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION, ROGERS AR..... AUGUST 06-10, 2013 2014 NATIONAL CONVENTION, DENVER CO..... AUGUST 05-09, 2014	

HIS LAST BATTLE

“Scott spent three years in foxholes on Tarawa, Saipan, Okinawa, and Guadalcanal and earned a Purple Heart for his wounds. His most fierce battle was his last – he fought gallantly but lost his battle with Alzheimer's on March 31, 2012.” Mrs. Scott Slaughter Smith.
(Patriot Scott Smith served with the Marine Corps and was a thirty-six year life member with MOPH Chapter 0083, California. He was 86.)

JULY IN HISTORY



On July 12, 1943, the largest tank battle in history took place during WWII outside the small village of Prohorovka, Russia. About 900 Russian tanks attacked an equal number of German tanks, fighting at close range. When Hitler ordered a cease-fire, 300 German tanks remained strewn over the battlefield.