



THE PURPLE HEARTBEAT
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS' NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ADJUTANT'S CALL . . .

Dear Patriots,

Revised Stolen Valor Act. Those who lie about military service or about receiving medals with the intent of benefiting from those claims are committing a crime under legislation passed by the House on September 13. The House's 410-to-3 vote on what is known as the Stolen Valor Act came less than three months after the Supreme Court struck down the original act on the grounds that it violated First Amendment free speech rights. The new bill tries to get around the court ruling by making clear that it applies only in cases in which people lie about a military record with the aim of obtaining payment or benefits; such an action could bring a one-year prison sentence. The new measure exempts those who simply wear military medals or decorations that do not belong to them. Veteran organizations are supporting the measure despite reservations about the exemption. The Senate is working on a similar bill.

Patriot Irene Becker Kaempfer (1917-2012). Like most veteran organizations, MOPH's membership is mostly male so it's with both sadness and pride that I note the passing of Patriot Irene Kaempfer on September 13, 2012. 2ndLt Kaempfer served in the US Army Nurse Corps from 1941 to 1945 as a nurse anesthetist with the 2nd Auxiliary Surgical Group, 5th Army, receiving five Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for actions in Africa and Italy.



The Purple Heart was for first and second degree burns caused by enemy artillery fire and bombing of hospital tents at the Anzio beachhead, Italy, in April 1944.

She continued to work in the medical field after the war and was nursing supervisor at Gillette Children's Hospital in St. Paul before retiring. She joined MOPH in 2002 and was a member of Chapter 0268, Minnesota. Our condolences and best wishes are extended to her family in their time of grief. Patriot Kaempfer's contributions were invaluable to the United States Army and our country.

Veterans Day. It's not too early for Chapters and Departments to begin preparations to observe Veterans Day which falls on a Sunday (November 11) this time. You should check with your local community planners to see if there's an opportunity for MOPH

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participation - parades, honor or color guards, media events, etc. You should now order any uniform items such as hats, shirts, jackets, or badges to have them on time (official MOPH vendors are in each *PH Magazine*). You also may want to check with other veteran organizations in your locale to explore the possibility of joint activities for that day.

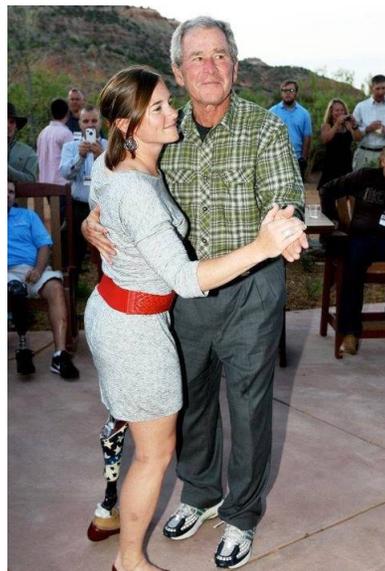
Departments Must Report Actions on Defunct Chapters to MOPH HQ. When a Department conducts the process of declaring a Chapter defunct, it must keep MOPH HQ and the National Adjutant informed. See page 24 and Appendix N of the *Procedures Manual* and you'll see that (1) the National Adjutant should be sent a copy of the Chapter Status letters that a Chapter Commander sends to its members in a defunct situation; (2) that the Department Commander reports the decision to declare a Chapter defunct to MOPH Membership and the National Adjutant and (3) that the defunct Chapter's funds, charter and flags are transferred to MOPH HQ. As Chapters are the basic building blocks for the Order, it is imperative that I'm aware of any action dealing with the possibility of one becoming defunct as soon as possible.

Cross Border Fundraising. As a common sense and courteous rule, Departments and Chapters should restrict their fund raising operations within their borders and not conduct "cross border" activity into an adjoining Department's territory.

If there are any cross border fundraising activities currently being conducted that are not covered by a joint agreement between the two Departments concerned, such activity must be stopped immediately.

From now on, any cross border fundraising must be documented in an agreement between the two Departments participating in the project and a written agreement must be sent to the National Adjutant for approval before its execution. The agreement should identify all parties involved in the fundraising effort, geographic areas and details of the sharing of funds generated.

Yours in Patriotism,
Jack Leonard



PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AND WOUNDED WARRIOR

President Bush honors Wounded Warriors by holding bi-weekly picnics at his Crawford Ranch in Texas and hosting sporting events. The young Warrior in these photos is 1stLt Melissa Stockwell, USA (Ret) who lost her leg in 2004 when her Humvee was hit by a roadside bomb. Ms. Stockwell joined MOPH in 2009 and is a member of Chapter 0575 in Illinois.

PATRIOT RETURNS LOST PURPLE HEART MEDALS TO FAMILIES

Patriot Zachariah (Zac) Fike, an Army Captain on active duty with the Vermont National Guard, has undertaken a highly commendable mission above and beyond his current duties - reuniting lost Purple Heart Medals with the original recipient or with the recipient's family. In order to receive contributions for his effort, Fike created a nonprofit business called **Purple Hearts Reunited, Inc.** and plans to activate a website in the near future, www.purpleheartsreunited.org, to further support his program. The website will facilitate finders of medals to contact Fike and will include a "Lost Hearts" section that allow people to help him with searches.



Captain Fike: "I devote about 1-2 hours a night to researching lost hearts, that's why most call it a 'hobby,' but I would say it's more of a 'Calling' and a 'Honor.'" He's already returned seven lost medals and is working on additional ones. Fike also does a lot of work with the *National Purple Heart Hall of Honor* in New Windsor NY. "To date, I have enrolled 130 Purple Heart recipients." Captain Fike's program also has been covered in both print and broadcast media.

Fike's effort to return medals to their original recipients or families is in stark contrast to the commercial sale of Purple Hearts by online souvenir dealers, internet classifieds, e-retailers and at swap meets and vintage stores. "I know I'm outnumbered on this - there are hundreds of collectors selling them and buying them compared to one guy who's on this crusade," Fike said.

Patriot Fike is a member of MOPH Chapter 0406 in New York and received his Purple Heart in 2010 while serving in Afghanistan. Fellow Patriots can assist his program by making donations and sending in any lost medals that they find (look closely at antique shops, neighborhood yard sales and church bazaars, etc.) You'll be looking for medals with engraved data on the backs or un-engraved medals that have identifying documentation with them.

Donations to support Fike can be mailed or sent through PayPal. In the meantime, you can contact Fike, make donations or send medals to be processed at:

Purple Hearts Reunited, Inc.
 PO Box 3
 Burlington VT 05402-0003
 315-523-3609
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CONVENTION GOODIES!!

A-MOPH MEMBER BRIEF BAG

B-LAMOPH BAG (ALSO HAVE ASSOCIATE BAG)

D-DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA CAP PIN

E-DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA CONVENTION



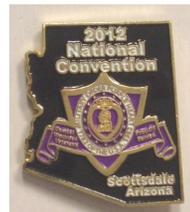
A



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C



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E

C-WESTERN HAT WITH OR WITHOUT PATCH

CHALLENGE COIN

FOR MOPH ITEMS, CALL OR EMAIL JENNIFER 1-888-668-1656/EMAIL: SUPPLY@PURPLEHEART.ORG FOR PRICES, SIZES AND TO ORDER.

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ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING VETERANS - ONE OF A SERIES

BANDS OF BROTHERS

Band of Brothers is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping returning veterans with PTSD, connecting them with people who can help and raising money for research and treatment. Capitalizing on the popularity of reality television to reach a large audience, the organization created



BANDS OF BROTHERS

Bands of Brothers TV using the power of music to unite and inspire twelve veterans to form three bands that will film 10 episodes for broadcast and then perform a big benefit concert at Philadelphia's World Café

Live on Veterans Day. *Band of Brothers TV* will follow their story from when they meet through the big show. Celebrity musicians, professional stylists, and sound engineers will be providing advice and guidance as the veterans develop their skills.

Jordan Ketner, a MOPH Life member of Chapter 0170 living in Philadelphia, who will be doing vocals for one of the bands commented: "The entire premise of the show is to raise awareness for PTSD as well as watch the journey of veterans meeting as strangers, forming a band and telling a message using music as a backdrop."

Bands of Brothers directly supports two organizations that treat veterans with PTSD: **Give An Hour**, a national entity, which has a network of over 6,300 mental health professionals providing nearly 50,000 hours of free services to veterans and their families and the **Philadelphia Veterans Multi-service & Education Center**, a local agency, that's been addressing the multiple needs of returning veterans since 1980.

Go to www.bandsofbrothers.org for more information on the **Bands of Brothers Organization**, *Bands of Brothers TV* and the Veterans Day concert at *World Café Live*.



ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING VETERANS—ONE OF A SERIES

THE BALTIMORE STATION

The Baltimore Station, Inc. (TBS) is a non-profit organization in Baltimore MD that began providing support to the homeless in 1987 and moved into an old fire station in 1991 to better service its clients. In 2007-2009, TBS expanded its facility at the fire house and dedicated its 92 beds to veterans who are homeless due to their struggles with substance abuse. In 2010, TBS purchased additional property and renovated into a 52 bed housing facility, with forty of the beds also dedicated to veterans. **The Baltimore Station** is a place where veterans find the structure and living environment that speaks to their needs. Most of the counseling staff are veterans, which provides them with the knowledge and experience to serve the special needs of homeless vets who often use drugs to "quiet" the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Residents include veterans from Vietnam and the Gulf War, and TBS is now beginning to see vets from Iraq and Afghanistan.



Because typical institutional treatment programs last for only 28 days, most participants relapse after leaving. At **The Baltimore Station**, they have the knowledge and real-life experience to know it takes months of living in a highly-structured, therapeutic environment to learn and practice a new way of living. And this program works. At least 65% of the men who stay in the program for one month are still here six months later. After 18 months, most are living independently, gainfully employed and/or enrolled in college and are contributing members of the Baltimore community. Station graduates hold jobs at Baltimore businesses, nonprofits, museums, hospitals, and at BWI Airport.



Go to www.thebaltimorestation.org for more details on TBS and its programs.

USS MICHAEL MURPHY (DDG-112) COMMISSIONED ON OCTOBER 6, 2012

The US Navy commissioned this ship to honor Navy SEAL LT Michael Murphy, USN who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism in Afghanistan on June 28, 2005 as the leader of a reconnaissance team. He is the son of Maureen and Daniel Murphy. Patriot Dan Murphy, Life Member of Chapter 0417, New York, served as MOPH's Judge Advocate for nine years. The ship was christened on May 7, 2012, LT Murphy's birthday, by his mother and the ship's sponsor, Maureen Murphy.



USS Michael Murphy (DDG-112)

A MOPH delegation, led by National Commander Bruce McKenty, attended the commissioning in Manhattan, joining LT Murphy's parents and many notable political figures including Ray Marabus, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations and Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor of New York City.



Michael is buried at Calverton National Cemetery, Long Island, NY, where one of the roadways in the cemetery was renamed "LT Michael Murphy Way." There's also a lake, not far away where Murphy served as a life guard before joining the Navy, now named "Navy SEAL LT Michael P. Murphy Memorial Park."

USS Michael Murphy is the 62nd Arleigh Burke Class guided missile destroyer constructed around the Aegis Combat System and SPY-1D multi-function phased array radar. They are designed as multi-role ships to fit the AAW (Anti-Aircraft Warfare) with their powerful Aegis radar and anti-aircraft missiles, ASW (anti-submarine warfare) with their towed sonar array, anti-submarine rockets and two *Sea Hawk* ASW helicopters, ASUW (anti-surface warfare) with their *Tomahawk* missiles. She'll be home-ported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and deploy with Pacific Fleet commands.



USS Michael Murphy was originally intended to be the last of the *Arleigh Burke* class destroyers to be built, but the Navy ordered more when production was reduced on the *Zumwalt* (DDG-1000) class ships, intended to replace the *Burke* class ships. It now looks like *Burke* class destroyers will be produced well into the 2040's. One unique use of *Burke* class ships will be the forward deployment of four of the DDGs to Naval Station Rota Spain to provide missile defense as part of the European Phased Adaptive Approach.

Look for a more detailed article on this event by John Bircher, MOPH Public Relations, in the *Purple Heart Magazine*.



Francine & Bruce McKenty



Ken Swords, Bruce McKenty, Jack Leonard



MOPH MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS—ONE OF A SERIES

PATRIOT DONALD J. JENKINS (1948-)

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, S/Sgt. Donald J. Jenkins (then Pfc.), Company A, distinguished himself while serving as a machine gunner on a reconnaissance mission (citation).”

Patriot Jenkins joined the Army from Nashville, Tennessee, and by January 6, 1969 was serving in Vietnam with Company A, 2d Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division when helicopters inserted his company into Kien Phong Province on a reconnaissance mission.



After landing, the company immediately began receiving heavy crossfire from North Vietnamese Army bunkers that encircled the landing zone. Jenkins ran to an exposed area and opened fire on enemy soldiers gathering near log bunkers with his M-60. When his machine gun jammed, Jenkins grabbed another rifle and fired upon the enemy until a teammate successfully repaired the M-60. He repeatedly exposed himself to extremely heavy fire when he both ran and crawled across open terrain to obtain resupplies of ammunition until he had exhausted all that was available for his machine gun. Then Jenkins picked up two anti-tank weapons from another fallen soldier. Despite incoming enemy fire, he closed within 20 yards of the enemy bunkers and destroyed two of them.

The resourceful soldier then picked up an M-79 grenade launcher and resumed his destruction until that weapon was exhausted as well. Meanwhile, a group of soldiers was pinned down just meters away from the enemy. Previous rescue attempts had resulted in one death and many injuries, but that news must not have phased Jenkins. Ignoring serious shrapnel wounds in his stomach and legs, Jenkins crawled forward 100 meters to the embattled position three times over the course of the night, each time bringing back a wounded comrade.

“S/Sgt. Jenkins' extraordinary valor, dedication, and indomitable spirit inspired his fellow soldiers to repulse the determined enemy attack and ultimately to defeat the larger force. S/Sgt. Jenkins risk of his life reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army (citation).”

Following the battle, Jenkins was promoted to Staff Sergeant and returned to the coal mines of Kentucky when discharged. President Nixon presented Jenkins with his Medal of Honor in March 1971. In recent years, he's been honored at such varying events as a visit to troops in Afghanistan fighting in Operation Enduring Freedom, as an official to an air show in Louisville, a visit to the crew of the *USS George Washington* (CVN 73), a reception at the Pearl Harbor/Hickam complex in Hawaii, interacting with servicemen and their families, appearing at the 2011 NASCAR event in Dayton, and being honored at a number of high schools in the area. Patriot Jenkins joined MOPH in 1987 and is a member of Chapter 0146, Kentucky.



MOPH CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2012

- 13 REGION VI, SAN DIEGO CA
- 19-20 REGION II CONFERENCE, GRAND RAPIDS MI
- 20 REGION III CONFERENCE, SPOKANE WA
- 20 REGION V CONFERENCE, DALLAS FORT WORTH TX
- 25 NATIONAL COMMANDER VISITS USMA, WEST POINT NY
- 25-27 AMERICAN VETERANS' CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON DC
- 26 PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR MEETING, NEW YORK
- 27 REGION I CONFERENCE, PHILADELPHIA PA

NOVEMBER 2012

- 04 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- 06 ELECTION DAY
- 11 VETERANS DAY
- 12 VETERANS DAY OBSERVED - HQ CLOSED
- 22-23 THANKSGIVING - HQ CLOSED
- 27-29 MOPHSF ANNUAL MEETING, ORLANDO FL

DECEMBER 2012

- 01 MAGAZINE DEADLINE - JANUARY/FEBRUARY
- 07 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY - 50TH ANNIVERSARY
USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL PARADE, HONOLULU
- 24 - 25 CHRISTMAS - HQ CLOSED

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- 2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION, ROGERS AR..... AUGUST 06-10, 2013
 - 2014 NATIONAL CONVENTION, DENVER CO..... AUGUST 05-09, 2014
 - 2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION, LAS VEGAS NV AUGUST 04-08, 2015

NEW PURPLE HEART MEDAL FOREVER STAMP

USPS issued a new *Purple Heart Medal Forever Stamp* that differs from the 2011 version with a slightly larger image of the Medal and on a white background. The new stamps can be purchased at Post Offices nationwide, online at usps.com/store and by phone at 1-800-782-6724. Post Offices probably will sell current inventories of the stamp before ordering the new version.



HISTORIC OCTOBER DATES

- Oct 06, 1973.** The Yom Kippur War started as Egypt and Syria launched attacks on Israeli positions on the East Bank of the Suez and the Golan Heights.
- Oct 13, 1775.** The US Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the purchase of a fleet of ships.
- Oct 17-25, 1944.** The Battle of Leyte Gulf, largest naval battle in history, took place off the Philippine Island during WWII.
- Oct 20, 1944.** Gen Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape from Corregidor in 1942, fulfilling his promise, "I shall return."

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WAR BIRDS



The **Consolidated PB4Y Catalina** was the WWII Navy's premier patrol flying boat used in ASW, patrol bombing, convoy escorts, air-sea rescue, and cargo transport. It first flew in 1935 and was not retired from service until the 1980s. About 4,000 PB4Ys were built, operating in nearly all operational theatres of WWII. *Catalinas* were the most extensively used ASW aircraft over both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and also excelled as a patrol aircraft, with its long range, parasol wings and large waist blisters providing excellent visibility. One of the most dramatic actions by a PB4Y was in 1945 when LCDR Adrian Marks, against orders, set his *Catalina* down on the ocean and rescued 56 sailors in critical condition from the USS *Indianapolis* that had sunk by a Japanese sub. When there was no more room inside the seaplane, Marks tied rescued sailors to the wings, keeping them alive until surface units could arrive.