



THE PURPLE HEARTBEAT

NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS

At the National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, from August 12-16, a new slate of National officers was elected and installed. Patriot Jeff Roy from Longmont, Colorado, was elected as the National Commander for the year 2008-2009. Jim Sims from Shelton, Washington, was elected to serve as the Senior Vice Commander and Clayton Jones from Nixa, Missouri, was elected to the position of Junior Vice Commander. The complete list can be found in the PH Magazine or on the website under Headquarters button.

DUES

As a result of the last National Convention held in August 2008, membership dues are now simplified: there are only life memberships, for both regular and associate members, for a one time cost of \$50.00. Setting of dues by the National Convention does not preclude a Department or Chapter from establishing a dues assessment for each member over and above national dues. If such an assessment is established, the amount should be nominal and spelled out in the Department or Chapter Bylaws.

Life Member dues may be paid in full by check, credit card, and money order, or by a Partial Payment Plan. The Partial Payment Plan requires an initial payment of \$25.00, and a second payment of \$25.00 within 24 months of the application date or conversion date. A member who fails to complete the final payment will forfeit the initial payment of \$25.00 and lose active membership status. Reinstatement of membership will require a new \$50.00 dues payment.

LIFE MEMBER VERIFICATION

Attention all Department and Chapter Adjutants, this is a reminder that this form must be filed in order for to receive a share of the Life Member Rebates. Please review in this newsletter a list of chapters and departments that have met the filing requirement and are eligible for the rebates as of September 5, 2008.

This form was mailed to all Chapter and Department Adjutants in March 2008 on computer disk. The form **MUST** be received at National Headquarters by close of business on Wednesday, OCTOBER 1, 2008 even if there is nothing to report. Otherwise, your share of the LM rebates will be reallocated to those who have filed the form in a timely manner. Please note that there are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this requirement and postmark does not count. Please don't delay and file the form now so that you don't loose out on earning easy money for your chapters and departments!



THIS NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED EVERY MONTH EXCEPT AUGUST. ALL ADJUTANTS AND COMMANDERS RECEIVE A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER. ADJUTANTS RECEIVE THE SPECIFIC CHAPTER/DEPARTMENT INFORMATION.

ALSO ENCLOSED:

- ♦ *CHAPTERS: August 2008 Roster of Monthly Changes*
- ♦ *Departments: August 2008 Membership Status Report; Chapters Roster of Monthly Changes*

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COMMANDER'S ACTION PLAN 2008-2009

Focus – Return to the basic precepts and objectives of the Order – those being “...educational, fraternal, historical, and patriotic, perpetuating the principles of liberty and justice which have created the United States of America...” Additionally we will focus on the business of the Order by being more open to the membership with our finances and business and being accountable to the membership and the Foundation with our grant request and expenditures. Develop internal policies and procedures to meet these areas as well as compliance with applicable IRS regulations and Sarbanes – Oxley recommendations for non-profit organizations. Most of all we will seek to improve our support to veterans by increasing our volunteer service hours and improving our VAVS grant administration and our Service Program. The following goals and objectives are established to meet these focus areas:

Goals – Develop the annual grant request (budget) to meet the target of 85% program expense – 15% administrative expense. (To meet this objective the Commanders, Adjutant, Service Director, Finance Committee Chairman and Finance Officer will work collectively to develop and administer the annual grant request and budget. The budget will reflect major program areas such as Headquarters Administration, VAVS, Americanism, Other National Programs, Service Program Administration and Service Program Operating Expense and any other program areas that are identified to open up and explain our annual expenses.)

Institutionalize the National Audit Committee to meet the recommendations of the Sarbanes – Oxley Act.

Develop a Service Program Staffing Standard to insure adequate and proper placement of National Service officers and facilities.

Assume responsibility and administration of the VAVS Grant program from the Service Foundation. Develop policies and procedures for proper administration and accountability of the VAVS grants (applicable to non grandfathered states).

Increase VAVS volunteer hours by 15%, nationally.

Conduct 4 MOPH sponsored Job Fairs with the sub-goal of finding employment for 1000 veterans.

Membership program, under the direction of the Senior Vice Commander will seek for a 5% increase in total membership. (To assist in meeting this goal we will continue with the current individual, department and chapter incentive programs. Additionally we will seek approval of the current \$50 life membership to be permanent and drop annual memberships.)

Initiate a Homeless Veteran Program by appointing a National Homeless Veteran Program Coordinator.

Partner with the Cell Phone for Soldiers organization and develop a nation wide donation program in conjunction with the Departments and their Chapters.

Increase the responsibilities of the Region Commanders in the areas of membership recruitment and VAVS administration.

Improve Legislative support at the Department level by taking national positions in support of local veteran issues.

Develop a National Public Relations Program in conjunction with the Service Foundation to further the Principles and Objectives of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Service Foundation.

Seek a viable working relationship with the Service Foundation to improve our annual request for funding, daily operations and Service Program administration that results in efficient operations of the order and improved support to veterans.

NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM

The National Service Program has the following National Service Officer (NSO) openings:

REGION IB

Martinsburg, WV VA Medical Center - National Service Officer. Contact Mary Kelly, RFS IB at 973-297-3389.

REGION IV

Orlando, FL VA Medical Center – National Service Officer. Contact Lee Holmes, RFS IV at 404-929-5320.

West Palm Beach, FL VA Medical Center - National Service Officer. Contact Lee Holmes, RFS IV at 404-929-5320.

Ft Bragg, NC - National Service Officer. Contact Lee Holmes, RFS IV at 404-929-5320.

REGION VI

Oakland, CA VA Regional Office – National Service Officer. Contact Al Wagner, RFS VI at 619-400-5317.

Preference and consideration, overall qualifications being equal, will be extended to Current & Active members of the Order, other PH holders, qualified veterans, current employees of the Order and all other categories in that order.

Submit a Cover Letter and current resume to contact RFSs as listed above. E-mail applications will not be accepted.

MEMBERSHIP MAILING LABELS For Chapters and Departments ordering monthly or periodic mailing labels from Membership: we only invoice once a year about the 2nd week of September. Please look for them in the mail. Thank you for prompt payment. Any questions, email memberships@purpleheart.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Patriot Ed Schnug, WWII Marine, one of the Chosin Few in Korea, Advisor in Vietnam. Past Dept Commander of Virginia and current Department Inspector. Patriot Schnug carried the Colors for 18 consecutive years as the MOPH Color Bearer at Arlington on Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

AIDE-DE-CAMP APPOINTMENTS

Each year, the National Commander appoints National Aide-de-Camps in each State to assist him and his officers whenever they are visiting your state and/or on other occasions as requested. All nominations for the appointed positions of National Aide-de-Camp must be submitted through your Department Commanders. The Department Commanders will then submit the nominations to the National Headquarters for the National Commander’s review. The deadline for submission to Headquarters is October 15, 2008. The confirmation letter and credential cards will be mailed by October 31, 2008 to each National Aide-de-Camp approved for appointment. So far, we’ve received the nominations from Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, and Ohio. The final list will be published in the November/December Magazine. If you have any questions, please contact Pick Thichangthong in Membership at memberships@purpleheart.org.

VETERANS’ DAY CEREMONIES IN WASHINGTON, DC

On the morning of November 11th, National Commander Jeff Roy will participate in the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. At 1:00 PM National Junior Vice Commander Clayton Jones will participate in ceremonies at the Vietnam “Wall.” MOPH will conduct two additional ceremonies to honor our deceased brothers and sisters with Senior Vice Commander Jim Sims presiding: 11:00 PM at the World War II Memorial and 12:00 Noon at the Korean War Memorial. Throughout Veterans Day weekend MOPH National Service Officers will staff a tent with MOPH and Service-related information. More details in October.

The Veterans’ Day National Committee has prepared resources materials for classroom use. The 2008 Veterans Day teacher resource guide is now online and can be downloaded as a PDF file from <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/index.asp>. The guide includes activities for Veterans Day (such as a school assembly, musical performance, or flag-raising ceremony); information on how to contact veterans service organizations and staff at VA medical centers, benefits offices, and National Cemeteries; information for older students including handouts on the origins of Veterans Day, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, statistics on America’s wars, and scholarships; and subjects for younger students such as a Veterans Day maze and coloring pages. America’s veterans have shaped our history. Share their example of courage and sacrifice with future generations.



SUPPLY SALES...For members who were unable to join us at the Las Vegas Convention, we are offering the official convention bag at \$24.95 each. Quantities are limited, so please order soon.

To order these and other MOPH supplies, use the order form below or go to www.purpleheart.org and click on THE SUPPLY ROOM.

<p>MOPH SUPPLY ORDER FORM</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Member No. _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Home Phone _____</p> <p>Cell Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____</p>	<p>Please send me the following items:</p> <p>Las Vegas Convention Bag Qty _____ @24.95= _____</p> <p>_____ Qty _____ @ _____ = _____</p> <p>_____ Qty _____ @ _____ = _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check made out to MOPH or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> charge ___ Visa, ___ MC, ___ AmEx, or ___ Discover</p> <p>CC# _____ Exp.Date _____</p> <p>Security Code _____ Signed _____</p>
<p>Mail: MOPH SUPPLY, 5413-B Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22151 with check or credit card information.</p>	

DEPARTMENTS & CHAPTERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE LIFE MEMBER REBATE CHECKS IN OCTOBER 2008 as of 9/11/2008

(For those not listed, there is still a couple of weeks left to file the form and
be eligible to receive your share as well!)

Reg	Dept
1	NJ
1	NN
1	RI
1	VA

Reg	Dept
2	KY
2	MI
2	OH

Reg	Dept
3	ID
3	OR

Reg	Dept
4	SC

Reg	Dept
5	TX

Reg	Dept
6	CA
6	HI
6	UT

Reg	Dept	Chap
1	CT	0552
1	MD	0122
1	MD	0570
1	NJ	0028
1	NJ	0181
1	NJ	0366
1	NJ	0700
1	NN	0614
1	NY	0003
1	NY	1147
1	NY	1782
1	PA	0014
1	PA	0034
1	PA	0063
1	PA	0170
1	PA	0455
1	PA	0529
1	PA	0546
1	PA	0654
1	PA	1983
1	RI	1812
1	VA	0510

Reg	Dept	Chap
2	IL	0175
2	IL	0575
2	IN	0692
2	IN	0720
2	IN	1916
2	KY	0622
2	KY	2021
2	MI	0037
2	MI	0110
2	MI	0127
2	MI	0459
2	MI	0609
2	MI	0789
2	MI	1818
2	MI	1879
2	MI	1976
2	MI	1985
2	MI	1986
2	MI	1988
2	MN	0005
2	MO	0605
2	NE	0200
2	OH	0031
2	OH	0156
2	OH	0765
2	OH	1974
2	WI	0164
2	WI	0168
2	WI	0437
2	WV	0579

Reg	Dept	Chap
3	ID	0509
3	MT	0309
3	OR	0147
3	OR	1942

Reg	Dept	Chap
4	AL	2204
4	FL	0535
4	FL	0674
4	FL	0705
4	FL	0717
4	FL	0759
4	GA	0576
4	MS	0676
4	MS	0803
4	NC	0638
4	SC	0402
4	SC	0748
4	SC	1781
4	SC	1948
4	SC	2008
4	TN	0356
4	TN	0487

Reg	Dept	Chap
5	AR	0431
5	AR	0581
5	AR	0678
5	KS	0558
5	KS	0684
5	KS	0688
5	KS	0780
5	LA	1955
5	NM	0372
5	NM	1966
5	TX	0612
5	TX	0723
5	TX	0740
5	TX	0744
5	TX	0768
5	TX	1919
5	TX	1937
5	TX	1991
5	TX	4077

Reg	Dept	Chap
6	AZ	0472
6	AZ	0691
6	CA	0015
6	CA	0106
6	CA	0493
6	CA	0729
6	CA	0752
6	CA	2001
6	HI	0483
6	HI	0489
6	NV	0719
6	NV	0730

KEY DATES FOR DEPARTMENTS AND CHAPTERS

(List of key dates of Important Mailing and Filing Deadlines)

Fiscal Year, Membership Recruiting and Membership Strength Accounting	JULY 1 to JUNE 30
Notice Sent to Annual Members 60 days and 30 days before expiration date to convert to LIFE membership	JULY 1 to JUNE 30
AM NOT CONVERTED Become Delinquent 30 days after expiration (Ineligible to Vote or Hold Office; Print-Out sent to DEPT & CHAP with monthly updates)	JULY 1 to JUNE 30
Delinquent AM NOT CONVERTED Dropped from Rolls 60 days after expiration date. (Print-Out Sent to DEPT & CHAP with monthly updates)	JULY 1 to JUNE 30
DEPT & CHAP Contact All Annual Members NOT Converted	Upon Receipt of Roster
Complete Roster of Members as of June 30 Sent to DEPT & CHAP	2nd Week in JULY
Annual Mailing Labels Invoices Sent to DEPT and CHAP on order list	2nd Week in SEPTEMBER
DEPARTMENT nomination of National Aide-de-Camp	OCTOBER 1
LM Verification Form Due (Must be received at Nat'l HQs by date indicated; No Exceptions)	OCTOBER 1
LM Rebates Sent to DEPT & CHAP (for verified LMs as of June 30)	2nd Week in OCTOBER
DEPARTMENT Finance Report (as of November 30) Due	DECEMBER 31
Complete Roster of Members as of December 31 Sent to DEPT & CHAP	2nd Week in JANUARY
Report Forms Sent to DEPT & CHAP (Election, Finance, Inspector/Trustee, Americanism, Welfare & LM Verification)	2nd Week in MARCH
CHAPTER ELECTIONS* (Election Reports Due at National Upon Installation of Officers; Not Later than June 30)	APRIL 1 - APRIL 30
DEPT & CHAP Contact All Life Members on Partial Payment Plan upon receipt of roster	2nd Week in APRIL
DEPARTMENT Conventions & ELECTIONS* (Election Reports Due at National upon Installation of Officers; Not Later than July 15)	MAY 1 - JUNE 30
CHAPTER Report forms due (See individual Form for Specific Dates) (Finance, Trustee, Americanism & Welfare)	JUNE 1 / JUNE 15
DEPARTMENT Report forms due (Finance, Inspector, Americanism & Welfare)	JUNE 30

*Chapters and Departments which have NOT Submitted a Current Election Report will NOT qualify for Delegates at National Convention and will NOT be paid Life Member Rebates!

KEY DATES FOR PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE

Deadline for Articles for PURPLE HEART Magazine

1st day of even months

Distribution of PURPLE HEART Magazine

2nd week of odd months

UPCOMING MOPH EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2008

- 12.....NURSE'S CEREMONY AND RECEPTION, ARLINGTON, VA
 12-13.....NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MEETING, ARLINGTON, VA
 22-26.....NSO BASIC TRAINING, ST. LOUIS, MO

OCTOBER 2008

- 13COLUMBUS DAY—HQ CLOSED
 TBA.....REGION CONFERENCES

NOVEMBER 2008

- 11VETERANS' DAY CEREMONIES
 27-28.....THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—HQ CLOSED

DECEMBER 2008

- 24-26.....CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—HQ CLOSED
 31.....HQ OFFICE CLOSURES AT NOON

JANUARY 2009

- 1.....NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY—HQ CLOSED
 19.....MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY—HQ CLOSED

FEBRUARY 2009

- 9-13.....MARCH ON CONGRESS
 16.....PRESIDENT'S DAY—HQ CLOSED
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

MARCH 2009

- 21.....NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, ST. LOUIS, MO
 28.....SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 2009

- 3-4.....COMMANDER'S LEADERSHIP MEETING, DENVER, CO
 4.....NATI'L COMMANDER'S TESTIMONIAL DINNER, DENVER, CO

MAY 2009

-DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS
 23-25.....MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

JUNE 2009

-DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS

JULY 2009

- 18.....NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, ST LOUIS, MO

AUGUST 2009

- 7.....PURPLE HEART DAY
 11-16.....NATIONAL CONVENTION, ROGERS, AR

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HQ STAFF PROFILE



Bob Reny has worked part-time for MOPH since July of 2007. He has been instrumental in getting the Procedure Manual updated and onto the website. He joined the staff as a full time employee July 1, 2008.

OPERATION RECLAIM PH NEWS: MISSING ISSUES

MOPH HQ has scanned into digital format all the back issues of *The Purpleheart Magazine* for historical and research purposes, and has found that some of our issues are missing. If anyone has hard copies of the following issues, and are willing to loan them to us, please call Joyce Beene or Ana Marquez at 888-668-1656 or 703-642-5360 or email jbeene@purpleheart.org to let us know which issues you can send. We want to avoid duplication of mailing. Once we receive the issue, we will scan the issue into the computer and return to you. Since we do not have the issue, we cannot tell what are single months, and which are double, but believe this to be correct.

1939	January	1958	September, October, November, December
1946	February, March, April, June, August September, October, December	1959	January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October (months may be combined for 1959)
1947	March, June, August	1976	July/August
1949	July	1988	July/August
1950	January	1989	January/February
1951	February, April, May, September	1996	May/June
1952	January, March, May, July	1998	September, October
1953	February, April, August	1999	May/June
1956	July		