

THE PURPLE HEARTBEAT

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS' NEWSLETTER



HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE WITH OUR SERVICE

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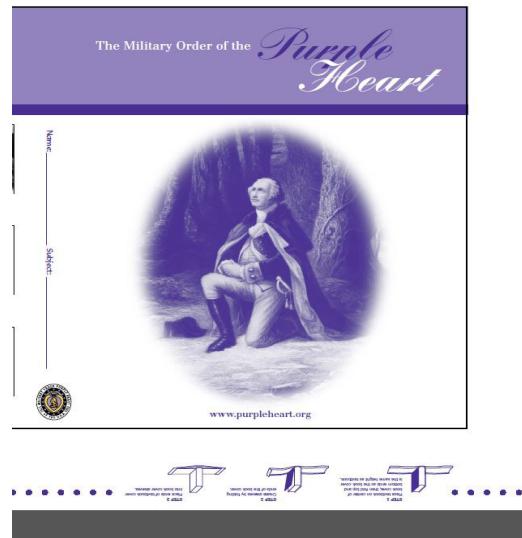
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How many title are there?

We Have a Supply & Americanism Special This Month!



Americanism - We have found 20 cases of book covers previous thought to be out of stock!
Once there gone they are gone!

Supply - The suitcase display case is now on being offered at the discounted price of \$125.00!
Supplies are limited.

December 2014

White House Reception December-TBA
Christmas-National Headquarters CLOSED December 25-26

2015

National Finance Committee Investment Conference Call	January 26
Scholarship Applications Due	January 21
Washington's Birthday	February 22
Scholarship Committee Meeting - Alexandria, VA	March 7
Annual National Service Training, Denver, CO	March 22-27
National Commander's Spring Leadership Meeting	March - TBA
Commander's Presentation to the Joint Congressional Committees, Washington, DC	TBA
National Finance Committee Investment Conference Call	April 28
Department Conventions	April & May
Memorial Day	May 30
National Finance Committee Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Meeting	June - July TBA

National Conventions

2015 Las Vegas, NV	August 4-9
2016 Norfolk, VA	August 9-13
2017 Dallas, TX	August 2017



[National Adjutant's Call]

Jack Leonard



Communications

As you must be aware by now, MOPH HQ is making a concerted effort to use email messages versus snail mail letters to communicate with the membership. Here are some actions that you can take to help us:

For Members with Email Addresses: At every meeting, remind your members to keep their email addresses current! Obviously, if MOPH HQ doesn't have a member's current email, we cannot contact them and they will miss all the new newsletters and messages from MOPH Leadership.

Send email changes to: members@purpleheart.org – and advise members to send it right away if there is any doubt we do NOT have the right one.

Also advise members to add communications@purpleheart.org to their safe senders list so our traffic will not be blocked.

During a recent project on member communications, we discovered that there are thousands of members

who have incorrect email addresses and phone numbers on file.

For Members without Email Addresses: We know that each Chapter has a certain percentage of members who do not have computers or email addresses and thus cannot receive emails.

Recommend you print one copy of the Purple Heartbeat – newsletter of the National Adjutant, Purple Hat Press, LAMOPH Newsletter General Orders, MOPH in the News, Common Bond – Woman Veterans' Connection, and any message from the National Commander, and put them in a notebook to be read by non-email members sometime before or after the formal meeting.

These two measures will help us communicate to more of our members!

Thank you for your assistance and have a very Merry Christmas.

National Aides shall, at the request of the National Commander, represent him at various functions and meetings. They shall make such necessary preparations in conjunction with official visits of the National Commander in their respective areas and shall be prepared to accompany and assist him as may be required.

NATIONAL AIDES-DE-CAMP

Below is the accepted list for the current aides-de-camp.

Alabama	<i>John Trotter</i>	Mississippi	<i>Otha Jackson</i>
Arizona	<i>Michael Ferguson</i>	Missouri	<i>John Dismar</i>
Arizona	<i>Henry Glaudel</i>	New Jersey	<i>Joseph Falduti</i>
Asia Pacific	<i>Francisco Lizama</i>	New York	<i>Ruben Pratts</i>
California	<i>Leon Thomas</i>	North Carolina	<i>John Cooney</i>
Colorado	<i>Jeff Birdwell</i>	Ohio	<i>John Campbell</i>
Connecticut	<i>Daniel Devlin</i>	Oklahoma	<i>James Howeth</i>
Florida	<i>Richard Weltz</i>	Oregon	<i>Alfredo Herrera</i>
Hawaii	<i>Thomas Yanaka</i>	Pennsylvania	<i>Charles Jackson</i>
Idaho	<i>Michael Grigsby</i>	Pennsylvania	<i>Harry Clark, Jr.</i>
Illinois	<i>Kenneth Jacobs</i>	South Carolina	<i>Melvin Ravenel</i>
Iowa	<i>Francis McAllister</i>	Tennessee	<i>Henry Billings</i>
Kentucky	<i>James Fletcher</i>	Texas	<i>C. W. Bud Nettles</i>
Kentucky	<i>Leroy Spaulding</i>	The Caribbean	<i>Manuel Davila-Galarza</i>
Louisiana	<i>Lloyd King, Jr.</i>	The Dakotas	<i>Kenneth Teunissen</i>
Maryland	<i>James Hauser</i>	Virginia	<i>Gordon Sumner</i>
Massachusetts	<i>Wayne Henry</i>	West Virginia	<i>Charles Baisden</i>
Michigan	<i>William Shattuck</i>	Wisconsin	<i>Michael Strandt</i>
Minnesota	<i>William Lilledahl</i>	Wyoming	<i>Larry Lee Cardwell</i>



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VETERANS DAY 2014

VSO Flags entering into the Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery prior to Vice President Biden address the Nation.

National Leadership once again did not miss a beat as they represented the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Ladies Auxiliary this year in our Nation's Capital for the many celebrations and commemorations honoring Veterans Day. Top Leadership and Spouses started rolling into the beltway November 4th for the 17th

Annual American Veterans Center Conference. The three-day event that featured panels and discussions with America's most decorated and distinguished veterans and active duty personnel from World War II to the present day. The event was kicked off by our own MOPH Service Foundation sponsoring "Wounded Warrior Experience"

which features veterans who served in the front lines of Afghanistan and Iraq. This year the REELEZ Channel taped the Honors Ceremony, the closing event of the American Veterans Center Conference. Click here or visit www.americanveteranscenter.org to watch the first and only televised awards show honoring Americas true heroes.



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Happy Birthday **MARINES**

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The week's events continued on with the 239th Birthday of the Marine Corps on November 10th in Arlington, VA at the Marine Corps War Memorial with the wreath laying ceremony and parade. Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr.; Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., Commanding Officer Col. Benjamin T. Watson; and Virginia's Junior Senator Tim Kaine, placed the wreath at the foot of the Iwo Jima Memorial, and the ceremonial marchers from Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., passed in review during the wreath laying ceremony parade in precise, disciplined step. Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., has several traditions they honor on the Marine Corps' birthday in addition to hosting the wreath laying ceremony and parade. They also place wreaths at the gravesites of deceased commandants in the area, as well as deliver a cake to former Commandant Gen. P.X. Kelly (Ret), the 28th Commandant of the Marine Corps, at his home in Arlington, VA. Living Commandants in the National Capital Region are delivered a birthday cake every year.

Back Row LtoR: LAMOPH Sr. Vice President Eileen Oltman, Patriot Ed Oltman, National Commander Pat Little

Front Row LtoR: Sr. Vice Commander, Bob Puskar, National Sergeant-at-Arms Kens Swords, Patriot Ron Knapp, National LAMOPH President, Jan Knapp, Mrs. Carol Bircher, National Adjutant, Jack Leonard, Sandi Keith, National Public Relations, John Bircher



Veterans Day 2014



The afternoon was filled with a visit to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. Leadership visited with wounded services members undergoing treatment and rehabilitation at the nation's largest and most renowned military medical center.

Veterans Day, November 11, 2014 started bright and early for the National Leadership Team. National Commander Pat Little was invited to attend the annual White House breakfast honoring veterans hosted by Vice President Joe Biden.

National Women Veterans Program Director and Scholarship Committee Chairman Wendy Buckingham and Patriot Jack Schneider, both representing chapter 353, laid the traditional Purple Heart wreath at the National World War II Memorial in the bright early sunny morning. As part of the commemoration, a dozen WWII veterans laid wreaths at the Freedom Wall in remembrance of the more than 400,000 Americans who lost their lives during World War II.

Vice President Joe Biden delivered the annual Veterans Day message to the nation at the Amphitheater at Arlington National Cem-

etary. Speaking on behalf of a grateful nation, Biden thanked America's veterans - the most tested among us:

You are the veterans of America, the most trusted among us, and the most tested of all Americans. Collectively, you represent generations of soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and coastguardsmen who have served and sacrificed for all of us. You are not only the heart and soul, but you are the very spine of this nation. And as a nation, we pause today to thank more than 23 million surviving veterans who so bravely and faithfully protected our freedom. You gave and they gave, and you deserve our thanks.

We stand here today committed to show our respect, to honor and to recognize our responsibility to care for all our veterans, and for those who continue in harm's way as I speak to you today.

Following Vice President Biden's address, National Commander Pat Little, Senior Vice Commander Robert Puskar, Ladies Auxiliary President Jan Knapp laid a second traditional Purple Heart wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



The day's events ended with the 17th annual Veterans Day Reception at the Women in Military Service for American Memorial, located at the Gateway to Arlington National Cemetery. The Ceremony included formal military honors, a keynote address by Susan Scanlan, President of the National Council of Woman's Organizations and remarks by women veterans representing each of the service branches.



Veterans Day 2014

How Many
Movies Have
“Purple Heart”
in Their Title?

WE ARE
GLAD
YOU ASKED!

FOUR PURPLE HEART TITLED MOVIES

Three full length Hollywood movies and one is a dramatic six minute internet film.

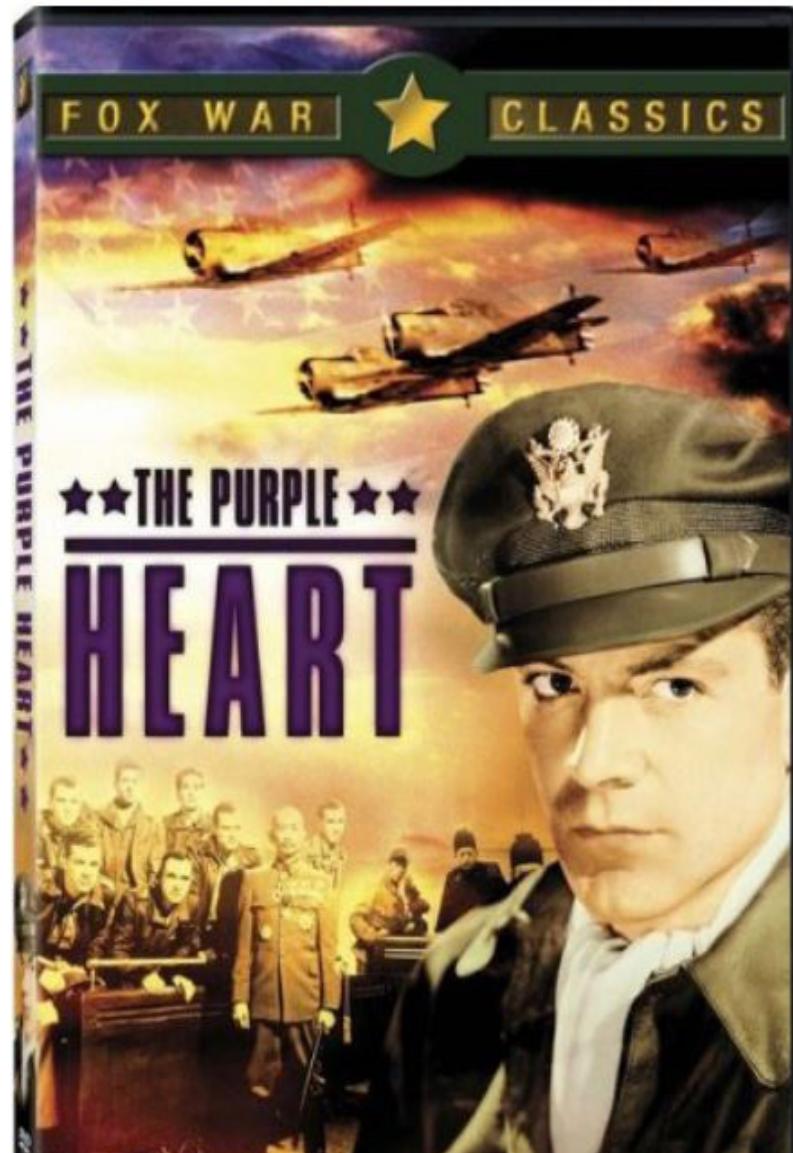
The *Purple Heart* (1944) was released during WWII and is about the airmen captured in China by the Japanese after Doolittle's carrier borne B-25 raid against Tokyo in 1942. It was meant to be an inspiring movie for Americans at this stage of the war vs Japan. In reality, three of the captured USAAF crew were beheaded, others tortured unmercifully and three survived at war's end. Dana Andrews is excellent as the captain of a downed Army Air Corps B25 bomber. These US Flyers are captured and put on trial in a civilian court in front of the international press for supposed "crimes against humanity". The Japanese secretly torture the Airmen one by one trying to discover if they came from a land base or a carrier. The story basically revolves around whether or not the American Airmen will tell the Japanese what they want to know. The final minutes of the film are quite stirring. Dana Andrews stirring lecture to the Japanese judge rang true when he said the "USAAF will blackened your skies, day and night we'll come to burn your cities to the ground and wipe your dirty little Empire off the face of the earth."

Purple Hearts (1984) stars Ken Wahl (Wiseguy) and Cheryl Ladd (Charlie's Angels) in director Sidney J. Furie's vivid and moving Vietnam War drama of love and courage showcasing fine performances and authentic Philippines-filmed recreations of the hell-on-earth that was Vietnam. In love and war, their story makes for an exciting powerful film about a conflict in which there were no easy answers. In the carnage and cruelty of Vietnam, Navy surgeon Don Jardian learned he had to move fast to deal with black marketers who control vital supplies - and even faster to stitch together a shrapnel-riddled combatant.

Purple Heart (2005) tells of a clean-up effort after a covert mission gone wrong. It is the story of Colonel Allen (Warren Sadler), the leader of a new, elite military unit designed for covert operations. His first mission: assassinate Saddam Hussein prior to the beginning of the 2003 Iraq War. Sgt. Oscar Padilla (Dementrius Naavarro) is the sniper chosen for the mission targeting Hussein. Unfortunately the mission is compromised; Padilla is captured and tortured by the Iraqis. Later, Padilla is rescued,

but is severely damaged by his ordeal. Back in the States, he escapes from the lock down ward of the military hospital where he is being treated. Given what he knows about our illegal attempt at political assassination, he is considered dangerous. As the leader of the unit that trained Padilla and executed the mission, Colonel Allen is sent with specific orders to go find Padilla and "solve the problem" permanently.

Purple Heart's Final Beat (2009) is a six minute very intense film on combat veteran suicide. An American veteran returns home to find a foreclosure notice and a warrant for his arrest taped to his front door. This film takes us through a story that's all too common, leading up to this day, and all too horrifying as he makes a choice that countless veterans every month make. A choice that most of us are too terrified to consider. The film includes grim statistics on what is happening to many of our returning combat veterans. Produced by Second Class Citizens non-profit group for Snag Films, you can see the film at http://www.snagfilms.com/films/title/purple_hearts_final_beat.



Video Game. There's also a video game with "Purple Heart" in its title: Ambush! Purple Heart (1985) was the second expansion for the video game Ambush! It added six new scenarios along with new weapons, vehicles, enemies and maps. The scenarios are designed to be challenging for experienced characters. Instead of being limited to France in 1944 like the base game. Purple Heart also takes you to: The Ardennes, December 1944, South of Caen, July 1944, The Rhone Valley, 1944 and Western Germany, spring 1945.

