



THE PURPLE HEARTBEAT

Chapters & Departments Quarterly Rebates

Adjutants, enclosed with this newsletter are the 2nd quarter annual dues rebate checks. Chapters and Departments are rebated annual dues paid by members from October 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

If you do not receive a check, it means that no annual dues were received from your chapter members during the 2nd quarter.

Please also note that once the annual dues are rebated, the member cannot use his annual dues as a credit towards his life membership conversion dues. If you have any questions on this, please contact the membership department.

Annual Membership Non-Renewal Reports

To assist with the conversion efforts and retain members, enclosed for Adjutants are the annual membership non-renewal reports. The reports detail annual members who have not renewed for 2008. Members are billed around 60 days before the expiration date and 30 days after expiration date. The members are moved into history 60 days after non-renewal.

This report does not include members who have already been moved to history as reported in previous months Non-Renewal reports.

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT NOTES:

When submitting applications and evidences, please do not use colored ink aside from black or blue ink, colored paper or highlighter to highlight any information. We are now scanning all documents as electronic files and the odd colors tend to scan as dark smudges.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL WORLD PREMIER INSIDE THE VIETNAM WAR

INSIDE THE VIETNAM WAR, a landmark three-hour world premier special will debut on Monday, February 18, at 8:00 PM ET/PT on the National Geographic Channel. It provides a fresh, personal, in-depth and invaluable insight from those who lived through it and will always live with it.



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: Jan 2007 Roster of Monthly Changes; AM Non-Renewal Report (if any); 2nd qt AM Rebate ck*
- ♦ *Departments: Jan 2007 Membership Status Report; AM Non-Renewal Report (if any); 2nd qt AM Rebate*

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From the Desk of the National Adjutant



TIME....The word time is one of our English languages' most widely used; nonetheless, the most mis-understood. If I had more time to explain I would, but time is running short these days. We seem to relegate enough time during our busy days to pass along information gathered here and there; yet, do we take the time to pair down the essential elements of fact and circumstance?

The next time, (there's that word again) while rummaging through the grocery list of e-mail's received during the course of any given day, take the measured time to investigate the source of the document. Don't forget to check-out where the e-mail text is being forwarded to, as well as where, in the vast continuum of hyper-space, did it come from. Sort out the usual peanut galleried recipients and take the time to ask yourself one question: Is this helping a Veteran in need?

There was a time, not so long ago, that we actually took the time to speak to one another. Sometimes (clever use of a derivative form of time) we would say to each other, "What on Earth are you talking about"? This past week, January 28th to be exact, I took the time to speak with the Executive Director, Dick Esau, about a mis-understanding regarding the finalization of a report that must be presented in a timely fashion. Obviously, the e-mail communications that had been sent back and forth, willy nilly and ricky tic all over the cyberspace empire, had confused everyone. We settled the misunderstanding by taking the time to actually converse, voice to voice. Thank you Dick Esau for caring enough to listen and act.

In the very near future, the Service Foundation and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, will take the time to talk to each other and set the cyber-world minions aghast, by reaching out to one another in order to communicate what each is trying to say. Believe it or not, facial expressions, body language, sighs, moans and groans will also come to play into this common discourse called reality.

Whatever the outcome of this meeting, old frontiers will be re-discovered, as in virtually talking together and in taking the time to be reasonable and courteous. Try that in your mid-night habitat, in lieu of the sometimes gleefully passing on innuendo and half-truths and, dare to ask: for what gain?

I've got to go for now, but don't forget me, I'm your National Adjutant, taking the time to say, "Call me."

(Management assumes no responsibility for the gratuitous use (21 times, oops) of the word time).

NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM

The National Service Program has the following openings:

Regional Field Supervisor (RFS), Region 3. MOPH Region 3 consists of the following States/Departments of MOPH: AK, MT, OR, ID, WY, ND, SD, and WA. Submit a cover letter and current resume to National HQ or FAX 703-642-2054 Attn: Ms. Chris Lyons, HR. E-Mail Applications will not be accepted. Closing date: Friday 15 FEB 2008. Position, presently in Seattle, WA, will be located within Region 3,. Relocation expenses for any applicant selected not currently on MOPH National Service Program payroll will not be reimbursed.

National Service Officer (NSO), VARO, Fairbanks, Alaska. Direct Report: MOPH Regional Field Supervisor VIA MOPH NSO Chugiak, AK. \$32,500 Annually DOQ/DOE w/90 Day Review. Eight hours per day, five days per week, Monday through Friday. Closing Date: COB February15, 2008. Resumes w/Cover Ltr. to: Mr. Duane Hughes, MOPH RFS-3, Jackson Federal Bldg., 915 Second Avenue, Room 1061 D, Seattle, WA 98174, Fax: 206-220-6207. E-Mail: duane.hughes@va.gov

For more details on either position, contact Chris Lyons, Human Resources, MOPH HQ, at 703-354-2140 or email cl Lyons@purpleheart.org.

VETERANS MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE 2/1/08

The veterans mileage reimbursement rate increase will go into effect on February 1, 2008, for veterans traveling to Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities. Veterans traveling to VA medical facilities will see an increase from 11 cents to 28.5 cents per mile.

This is the first increase in the travel reimbursement rate for veterans since 1978. Qualifying veterans were previously compensated at the rate of 11 cents per mile for routine medical visits. The increase to 28.5 cents per mile will assist more than one million veterans as they travel to VA medical facilities.

Deputy Secretary Mansfield Honored *First Recipient of DoD Health System's Award for Service*

Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs Gordon H. Mansfield was named as the first recipient of the "Robert Dole National Award for Service" on Jan. 28 during the annual conference of the Military Health System, which provides health care for the Department of Defense. The award was established in Senator Dole's name to recognize veterans who continue to serve the nation through public service.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS AS OF 1/31/08

TOTAL MEMBERS: 39,894 TOTAL DECEASED: 560 TOTAL NEW ACTIVITY*: 482

REGIONS

Reg	Total Mem	Jan AM	Jan AS	Jan LM	*Total New Activity
2	8821	5	3	192	200
4	7237	1	2	89	92
1	10822	3	1	64	68
5	6589	8	0	54	62
6	4651	4	0	32	36
3	1683	1	0	20	21
7	91	0	0	3	3



DEPARTMENTS/STATES CONTINUED

Reg	Dept	Total Mem	Jan AM	Jan AS	Jan LM	*Total New Activity
6	AZ	934	0	0	3	3
6	HI	286	1	0	2	3
6	UT	124	0	0	3	3
2	NE	338	0	0	2	2
3	MT	201	0	0	2	2
3	WY	135	0	0	2	2
5	OK	651	0	0	2	2
7	AP	11	0	0	2	2
1	DE	205	0	0	1	1
1	MA	557	0	0	1	1
1	RI	159	0	0	1	1
3	OR	347	0	0	1	1
4	PR	105	0	0	1	1
5	AR	471	1	0	0	1
6	NV	220	0	0	1	1
7	AE	21	0	0	1	1
3	ND	25	0	0	0	0
6	GU	111	0	0	0	0
7	XX	59	0	0	0	0

DEPARTMENTS/STATES

Reg	Dept	Total Mem	Jan AM	Jan AS	Jan LM	*Total New Activity
2	OH	1357	0	0	92	92
5	TX	3486	3	0	31	34
2	MI	2108	0	2	24	26
4	FL	2710	0	0	26	26
6	CA	2976	3	0	23	26
4	NC	1152	0	1	22	23
2	MN	687	2	0	17	19
4	SC	677	1	1	14	16
1	NY	1898	2	1	12	15
2	IN	557	1	0	13	14
2	MO	630	1	0	12	13
5	CO	438	2	0	10	12
1	VA	1048	0	0	11	11
4	GA	836	0	0	11	11
1	NJ	2369	1	0	9	10
1	PA	2607	0	0	9	9
2	WI	844	0	0	9	9
3	WA	548	0	0	9	9
2	IL	794	1	1	6	8
2	WV	690	0	0	8	8
1	MD	522	0	0	7	7
1	NN	640	0	0	7	7
1	CT	817	0	0	6	6
2	KY	534	0	0	6	6
4	AL	557	0	0	5	5
4	MS	535	0	0	5	5
4	TN	665	0	0	5	5
5	LA	649	1	0	4	5
3	AK	192	0	0	4	4
5	KS	288	1	0	3	4
5	NM	606	0	0	4	4
2	IA	282	0	0	3	3
3	ID	235	1	0	2	3

TOP CHAPTERS

Reg	Dept	Chapter	Total Mem	Jan AM	Jan AS	Jan LM	*Total New Activity
2	OH	0031	232	0	0	20	20
2	OH	0500	121	0	0	14	14
4	NC	0642	336	0	0	10	10
4	SC	0402	249	1	1	7	9
2	OH	0156	93	0	0	8	8
2	MI	0110	203	0	0	7	7
2	MN	0268	163	0	0	7	7
5	TX	1836	661	1	0	6	7
3	WA	0407	248	0	0	6	6
5	TX	1919	588	1	0	5	6
2	IN	0692	31	0	0	5	5
2	MN	DML	36	0	0	5	5
2	OH	0186	25	0	0	5	5
2	OH	0620	44	0	0	5	5
2	OH	1981	92	0	0	5	5
4	FL	0717	353	0	0	5	5
4	GA	0465	199	0	0	5	5
4	NC	2226	24	0	0	5	5
5	TX	1876	217	0	0	5	5
6	CA	0493	143	0	0	5	5

*TOTAL MEMBERS COUNT IS THE TOTAL COUNT OF ANNUAL, LIFE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WITHOUT DECEASED MEMBERS.
 NEW ACTIVITY IS THE TOTAL COUNT OF NEW MEMBERS, REINSTATED ANNUAL MEMBERS AND MEMBERS WHO CONVERTED FROM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

Military Order of the Purple Heart, USA
76th Annual National Convention August 12-16, 2008

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Advertising in the Convention Book provides a significant means for offsetting expenses for the Convention. We request that Chapters, Departments and individual members participate wherever possible. Our organization is exempt from Federal Income Tax as a Non-Profit corporation under the provision of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3, EIN #14-6083907

PURPLE HEART TRAIL

PH Trail “BOSS” Jim Casti requests that ALL MOPH Departments submit single STATE SIZED MAPS to his attention, highlighting the Purple Heart Trails/Memorial Highways/Cart Paths, etc., etc in that DEPT in connection with his reporting and consolidation efforts. The deadline for these reports is March 1.
Postal Address: 2214 Park Ave, PO BOX 639, Newport, NC 28570-9649

DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS

We have received information for many department conventions. Thank you for responding in such a timely manner. There are 15 departments we have not heard from. Please send the date and location of your department convention to jbeene@purpleheart.org or fax to 703-642-2054 by Thursday, February 7.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE AWARDS FOR BEST NEWSLETTERS

The Publications Committee is very interested in your Department and Chapter Newsletters. Awards for the best in each category are given at the National Convention each year. Other awards include best story and best photo. To qualify, each Department and Chapter must submit at least one hard copy to the entire membership of the committee by 1 June each year. However, it may be better to include them all on your circulations list during the year. Remember, even if you send electronic newsletters, to be considered for judging, you must submit a hard copy of at least one issue.

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New Law Improves VA Health Care for America's Returning Service Members and Veterans

Washington, D.C. – H.R. 4986, the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2008 (NDAA), was signed into law by the President. The NDAA contains provisions improving the transition from active duty to veterans' status and improving VA health care for returning service members, especially those with traumatic brain injury (TBI) or mental health issues, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Among the key provisions to improve care for veterans and their families, the NDAA:

- Provides an additional three years of access to free VA health care for returning service members from Iraq and Afghanistan;
- Improves and expands VA's ability to care for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with TBI, including research, screening, care coordination, and working with non-VA providers to provide the care needed by our veterans;
- Requires a comprehensive policy to address mental health conditions, including PTSD;
- Requires DOD and VA to streamline the records transmission process, including moving forward with fully interoperable medical records;
- Provides for a more seamless transition between active duty and veterans' status, including a single physical exam for DOD and VA benefits;
- Creates Wounded Warrior Resource Center to serve as a single point of contact for service members, their families, and primary caregivers to report issues with facilities, obtain health care, and receive benefits information;
- Requires VA to provide age-appropriate nursing home care for our veterans;
- Allows members of the National Guard and Reserves that are eligible for Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) to use their education benefits for ten years after separation;
- Requires a study on the feasibility of streamlining statutory provisions addressing GI Bill benefits for active duty and guard and reserves.

H.R. 4986 represents a cooperative effort between the Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committees to address the problems facing wounded veterans and cut through the red tape often faced by our returning service members when they transition from the Department of Defense to the VA.

UPCOMING MOPH EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2008

- 1 MAGAZINE DEADLINE FOR MARCH/APRIL ISSUE
- 11 COMMANDER'S LEADERSHIP MEETING
- 11-15 MARCH ON THE HILL, 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM
- 18 PRESIDENT'S DAY OBSERVED—HQ CLOSED

MARCH 2008

- 15 NATIONAL FINANCE CMTE MID-YEAR MEETING, ST LOUIS, MO

APRIL 2008

- MAGAZINE DEADLINE FOR MAY/JUNE ISSUE
- 11 COMMANDER'S LEADERSHIP MEETING
- 12 NATL COMMANDER'S TESTIMONIAL DINNER, LOCATION TBA

MAY 2008

- DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS
- 26 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED—HQ CLOSED

JUNE 2008

- DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
- 1 MAGAZINE DEADLINE FOR JULY/AUGUST ISSUE

JULY 2008

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED—HQ CLOSED
- 12(TENTATIVE)..... NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, LOCATION TBA

AUGUST 2008

- 1 MAGAZINE DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ISSUE
- 12-16 NATIONAL CONVENTION, LAS VEGAS, NV

SEPTEMBER 2008

- 1 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY—HQ CLOSED
- 12 NURSE'S CEREMONY & RECEPTION, ARLINGTON CEMETERY
- 12-13 COMMANDER'S MEETING, ARLINGTON, VA

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MEMBER PROFILE



MURRAY JUVELIER of Flushing, NY, WWII Veteran, member of the 73rd Bombardment Wing, MOPH Life Member, Chapter 417 NY, took part in 42 combat missions, earning 2 Purple Hearts, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and several medals with oak leaf clusters. There are only 139 living Airmen of the 73rd Bomb Wing, down from the original 8,000. Enlisting as a 17 year old, he was sent to radio, gunnery, and radar schools before going into combat as a B-29 crewman.

The airmen flew over 130,000 combat hours, dropping 48,000 tons of bombs on the Japanese homeland and destroying or damaging over 1,000 enemy aircraft. We salute Murray Juvelier and his fellow B-29ers.

VETERANS DAY NATIONAL COMMITTEE SEEKS SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 2008 NATIONAL VETERANS DAY

Attention artists, graphic designers and photographers! The Veterans Day National Committee is seeking submissions for the 2008 national Veterans Day poster. The poster is distributed to more than 110,000 schools nationwide, military installations around the world, and to federal agencies in the nation's capital. It also graces the cover of the official program booklet for the Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. The committee will convene in May 2008 to review all submissions and select a finalist. The final poster must be 18x24" at 300 dots per inch, but please scale down submissions to 9x12" and submit electronic versions as jpg images or PDF files via e-mail to: vetsday@va.gov. Alternatively, send copies of artwork or a CD with artwork files to: Department of Veterans Affairs (002C), 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., 20420. Please do not send originals. The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2008. To view Veterans Day posters from previous years, please visit <http://www.va.gov/vetsday> and click on "Poster Gallery". Submissions should include sufficient information to demonstrate that the image is the work of the artist and is not copyrighted material (i.e. photos and concepts). The committee may select a particular submission but ask the artist to make modifications to the original design. Additional changes may be required prior to printing.