

NEWSLETTER for SGT Michael A. DiRaimondo Chapter 750 Military Order of the Purple Heart

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Combat soldiers do not act on their own. Voters elect their representation and those elected officials send us into combat. Taxpayers pay taxes to support the government, so their hand is on the shaft of the spear. Purple Heart recipients and combat soldiers are the tip of the spear. We are all in this together, civilian and combat soldier.



From the Commander

June Meeting

The June meeting will be at the Veterans Home of California, Ventura. LAMOPH meets at the same time, same place as the Patriots.

The Chap. 750 Annual Family Picnic.

Great success everyone had a wonderful lunch provided by Patriot Jon Williams who hosted us at his lovely home.

2018-2019 Officer Installation

Commander - Michael Cook
Finance Officer - Jon Williams
Adjutant - Steve Maline
Junior Vice Commander - Jon Williams
Senior Vice Commander - Steve Maline

Chaplin - Hap DeSimone
Trusty 2 Year- Hugh Claybaugh
Trusty 1 Year- Dave Heiter
Sgt. at Arms-Dave Heiter
Installing Officer - Bill Hutton

Unit 750 MOPH Auxiliary

Thank you to Jon Williams for hosting 750's Annual Meeting and Picnic in May. It was a day of friendship and good food. Thank you to all for your good work throughout the year.

The Unit's officers for the 2018-2019 year:

President: Sally Irving
Treasurer: Mary Lee Maline
Sr. Vice: Jane Hieter
Three Trustees: Gloria Peterson, Lennie Vann, Roseanna Bravo

Jr. Vice: Kitty Hurliman
Parliamentarian: Carol McGrath
Secretary: Mary Lee Maline
Sgt. Arms/Chaplain: Linda Weston

Recognition goes to Kitty Hurliman for stepping up when the Department of CA Auxiliary requested her help in quilting pieces contributed from CA Units. The quilt was beautifully crafted and brought \$430.00 at auction with proceeds benefiting the scholarship fund. Well done Kitty – you make us all proud!!!

June meeting will be in Ventura. We'll be discussing support for Veterans and our Patriots. Always need volunteers for the potluck that follows. Will you be attending? Be kind and let us know in advance that you will be there and whether you can help with drinks, salad or dessert. Thank you for all you do in supporting our Patriots and caring for all Veterans. Questions or ideas you'd like to share – call or email me at 805-565-3759 or ms@west.net. Sally Irving, Unit 750 President.

Los Angeles Dodgers Game

A great time for all who attended the game. The Dodgers had us back on May 28. The Dodgers acknowledged the parents of the chapter and unit namesake, Tony and Carol DiRaimondo. Carol DiRaimondo presented a plaque to Dodgers' third baseman patriotic Justin Turner. The game is on Memorial Day which is a busy day for many of us.

L.A. played the Phillies in a remarkable game with low and high drama; *The L.A. Times* headline said it all: *Phillies defense comes to aid of Dodgers*. Down four runs after two innings, the Dodgers completed a comeback with a three-run blitz in the eighth inning to capture the opening game of a four-game series. After allowing the Dodgers to comeback in the bottom of the eighth inning, the Phillies saw one of their young stars go down with a scary injury. Left fielder Rhys Hoskins fouled a Kenley Jansen 1-2 pitch off his face in the top of the ninth with two out. The 25-year-old Hoskins immediately went to the dirt and was down holding his mouth.



Left: Carol DiRaimondo presenting L.A. Dodger third baseman Justin Turner with a plaque from Chap. 750.

Patton Museum Memorial Day Dedication by SVC Steve Maline

Patriot Maline initiated the purchase and placement of the plaque at the Patton Museum near Palm Springs California.

General Patton Museum
Chiriaco Summit Calif.



Vietnam Remembrance Wall



Chapter 750 Plaque



SVC Steve Maline with Plaque



Chap. 750 Patriot Phil Conran's Medal of Honor Before Congress

H.R.4920 - To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Colonel Philip J. Conran of the United States Air Force for acts of valor in Laos during the Vietnam War.

Democratic Representative Salud Carbajal whose district which includes portions of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties; without any cosponsors, introduced bill H.R.4920 on February 02, 2018. I urge you to write your congress person in support of Phil. Contact me if you want more information at 805 565 3759 and search H.R.4920.

National MOPH and MOPHA Annual Convention

Spokane Washington July 30th - August 3rd, 2018,
Complete info: www.mophnationalconvention.org

Helpful Info.

You can check your latest VA benefit payments online using eBenefits (www.ebenefits.va.gov).

Resources to help you make wise financial decisions: Visit www.mymoney.gov and www.consumer.gov for helpful financial information.

Coming in the July Newsletter

Honor Flight information and applications for our WWII and Korea War Patriots.

Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive

We need organizers and workers for Santa Barbara and Ventura. Step up now and planning is easier. Volunteers welcome for each planning committee. David and Jane Hieter are running the Santa Barbara effort and Jon Williams, the Ventura effort.

Need a ride to the meeting? Contact me. Members may be able to car pool with you. Meetings are generally on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm and at the Veterans Home of California, Ventura (805-659-7500); located at 10900 Telephone Road Ventura: Santa Paula Freeway (Rte. 126); Exit South Wells Road (Rte. 118) then two long blocks to Telephone Road and we're at the large campus on the corner. Monthly meetings generally are the 2nd Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2018

June 14 – July 12 – August 9