

# Newsletter for SGT Michael A. DiRaimondo

## Chapter 750 Military Order of the Purple Heart

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### From the Commander

**Next Meeting for 2017:** The Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Picnic and 2017-2018 officer installation. Patriot Jon Williams is generously hosting the Picnic at his home in Camarillo. Needed: volunteers to take charge of feeding the throngs. If you plan on attending tell me your name and number of guests. If you do not RSVP we may run out of food for you. An accurate head count is important for food planning. Our little pink porcine friend will be there, he needs to be fed too, and your donation goes to the Chapter.

**The Chap. 750 Annual Family Picnic starts at 1200, twelve hundred hours, Noon, 12:00 P.M.**  
Helpers please come earlier.

### Driving Directions to Jon's Home

2274 San Ysidro Street, Camarillo

H: 805-987-2338; Cell: 805 216-8625

**Southbound** Take US-101 south  
At exit 55, go RIGHT on Ramp Las Posas Rd  
Turn LEFT (North) on Las Posas Rd 0.8 mi  
Turn RIGHT to stay on Las Posas Rd  
2.7 mi  
Turn LEFT (North) on San Ysidro St 120 yds

**Northbound** Take US-101 north  
At exit 53A, go RIGHT on Ramp  
Road name changes to Flynn Rd  
1.9 mi  
Turn LEFT (Northwest) on Upland Rd  
0.2 mi  
Go STRAIGHT on Las Posas Rd  
0.8 mi  
Turn RIGHT (North) on San Ysidro St  
120 yds.

### Unit 750 LAMOPH

I hope you will join us for 750's annual meeting and family picnic on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. We will install the elected officer for 2017-2018 year: Sally Irving, President; Jane Hieter, Sr. Vice; Kitty Hurliman, Jr. Vice; Linda Weston, Treasurer. MaryLee Maline, Secretary. And we will join the Patriots in a very fun picnic at the home of Jon Williams. We have a great summer menu planned. Be kind and let us know in advance that you will be there.

At our April meeting, the Unit approved the contribution of a basket for the raffle to benefit scholarships at the annual MOPH/LAMOPH Department of CA conference. Kitty Hurliman has also generously contributed a beautiful quilt for the Department's raffle. As a fund raiser for the Unit, MaryLee Maline presented darling homemade bottle covers for dressing up the kitchen soap bottle or that bottle of wine ready for dinner. You can acquire your own "cover" at 750's annual meeting or at the Department's conference.

The annual MOPH/LAMOPH Department of CA conference is scheduled for May 22-23, 2017. The Conference will be held at the Homestead Suites in downtown Clovis with plenty of opportunity to learn and socialize. Information and registration forms at [www.calpurpleheart.org](http://www.calpurpleheart.org).

Thank you ladies for all that 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](mailto:ms@west.net). Sally Irving, Unit 750 President.

**Swearing in the 2017-18 Chapter 750 Officers:**

Commander	Michael Cook	Alt Exec Committeeman	Jon H. Williams
Senior Vice Commander	Steven Maline	Sergeant-At- Arms	Maurice McGuire
Junior Vice Commander	Hap DeSimone	Trustee 3 Year	Hugh Clabaugh
Adjutant	Jon H. Williams	Trustee 2 Year	Alexander Bravo
Finance Officer	Jon H. Williams	Trustee 1 Year	James F. Daniels
Judge Advocate	Mike Sweeney	Service Officer	William Hutton
Dept. Exec. Committeeman	Michael Cook	Welfare Officer	Maurice McGuire

**L.A. Dodgers Honors Chapter 750 Members**

On May 2, the Dodger-Giants game paused before the start to honor veterans on Military Appreciation Day. Chapter members Jim Daniels represented WWII veterans, Jon Williams represented Vietnam veterans and Michael Heath represented Iraq/Afghanistan veterans. Third baseman Justin Turner presented all three with a Dodgers medallion on a ribbon. Michael Heath walked to pitcher's mound and threw the first pitch of the game. The Dodgers provided excellent tickets for members of chapter 750. View or download photos from the game at this link <http://tinyurl.com/m6nx5sb>.

We also met and spoke with Scott R. Blackburn, Deputy Secretary Veterans Affairs. Dodgers handily beat the Giants. For those who attended the game, send me your comments which will go in the June newsletter. We all have a responsibility to build the chapter and the Ladies Auxiliary and events like this and our outings build comradeship. Your ideas to this end are welcomed.

**MOPH Purple Heart Truck coming to Reagan Library**

It arrives on July 31 from San Francisco for an afternoon ceremony. More info as it comes to me.

**From MOPH Foundation: Scooter Donation June 26th or 27th in Long Beach**

The scooter is about a year old and can accommodate a large individual. Do you know of a veteran who could use this? The hand it off is June 26th or 27th in Long Beach. In order for us to acknowledge the donation, we would need to have a Purple Heart member supervise the donation and also receive an acknowledgement from the veteran that he/she did receive it. Call Glen's at Home -305-517-6560, Cell - 662-701-9091. Or call me at 805 565 3759.

**VA Health Care Tool**

The VA launched a new online tool to understand way of accessing patient wait time and quality of care data. The new Access and Quality Tool is located at [AccessToCare@va.gov](mailto:AccessToCare@va.gov), and it allows Veterans to access the average times to be seen in your area and how Veterans describe their experiences scheduling primary and specialty care appointments at; timeliness of appointments for care needed right away; and the quality of health care delivered at VA medical centers compared with local private-sector hospitals. No other health care system in the country publishes this type of data.

**Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of California**

Annual Convention 2017, May 22th to 23rd, 2017. Homewood Suites by Hilton, Clovis. At the end of the newsletter is the registration for and hotel reservation information.

**Military Order of the Purple Heart and Ladies Auxiliary National Convention**

Dallas, Texas, August 13 - 17, 2017. Convention registration: <http://tinyurl.com/l6dkxob>  
Hotel Reservations: 800-441-1414. Rate: \$144.61/night. This Special rate available until July 19th.

**2017 Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive**

We now need leadership and volunteers for this year's effort. Names, please?

**It Is Your Job, too: Recruiting New Members.**

Contact local community colleges, 4-year colleges, trade schools, vocational schools and academies. Ask to include information about Chap. 750 in their newsletter or have the school send an e-mail to veteran students. If you do not want to do this, send the contact information to me. Membership has to grow for us to be viable in the future.

**Memorial Day**

Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have. Memorial Day is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have.

Participate in your local Memorial Day services.

**Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2017**

Upcoming Meetings  
May 12 Annual Family Picnic) June 8 – July 13