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Happy Veterans Day.

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

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From the Commander

October Meeting

The November 8th meeting will be in the Veterans Home of California, Ventura. MOPHA meets at the same time, same place as the Patriots. The Ladies will provide a light meal and drinks. If you have questions call me at 805 565 3759. Meetings are generally on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Donations welcome for the Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive send checks to me:

Michael Cook - 1016 Fairway Road - Santa Barbara CA 93108-2842

Thanksgiving Food Baskets Important Dates / Times

Santa Barbara: David and Jane Hieter have ordered the Costco oven-ready complete Thanksgiving meals. Distribution to needy veterans and their families: Santa Barbara V.A. Clinic; Tuesday November 21 at 3-3:30 P.M. The needy veterans were selected by the Clinic social worker and staff.

Port Hueneme: Jon Williams and former Navy Base C.O. and Chap. 750-member Bob Quinn are working with the current C.O.'s office to select needy veterans and their families. Jon is coordinating with the base commissary for provisions to fill the reusable storage box. Distribution to needy veterans and their families: meet at the Seabee Museum at Navy Base Ventura County: 3201 N. Ventura Road, Port Hueneme. We then assemble with a generous complete Thanksgiving meal in reusable food storage boxes. Date/time: November 20 at 11:00 A.M. Lunch at noon at SeaBee Golf Clubhouse, the 19th Hole Grill & Bar. Jon's Cell: 805-216-8625; my cell: 805 895 4233.

Thank you to our recent generous donor:

Mike Wenrich, friend and former Los Angeles County deputy sheriff, who served with Patriot Bill Hutton. You help us advance.

Unit 750 MOPH Auxiliary

Department: The Auxiliary contributed a gift card for the raffle at the mid-term conference of the Department of CA Auxiliary's. The raffle supports the Department's scholarship program, open to all members of MOPH/MOPHA and families. Information and details of the application process will be posted early in 2019.

National Auxiliary: Save the date: MOPH/MOPHA National convention will be July 8-12 at the Chateau on the Lake Resort and Spa in Branson, Missouri in the Ozarks. National Leadership is conducting monthly online video/teleconferences for information, instruction, questions, etc. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the teleconferences and I will forward notices of meetings/call instructions.

Our November meeting will be in Ventura. We'll be discussing support for Veteran's Day activities and Chapter 750's Thanksgiving basket program. The Auxiliary voted to include a small gift to be included in each Thanksgiving basket. Potluck dinner follows with our Patriots – we need volunteers. Will you be attending? Be kind and let us know in advance that you will be there and whether you can help with food. 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.

The New Axxess Book and App for local discounts!

Axxess shares a small per centage of sales with the chapter. I use it. Deals in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Check out the discounts at places The 2019 Axxess Membership includes the Axxess app, available from Google Play or App Store. Go to the FAQ's page: www.sbaxxess.com - www.axxessventura.com

WWII Marine Patriot Maury McGuire Goes to Washington D.C.

Maury and daughter Mary are back home. I will go to Maury's home in Camarillo to interview him, Mary sent photos. Next month the newsletter will have a complete report. If you are interested in applying for an Honor Flight, the Chap. 750 July newsletter had all the details. If you need a copy of the newsletter please let me know and I will forward it to you.

Are You Getting All Your California Property Tax Breaks?

Disabled Veterans Exemption

The California Constitution and Revenue and Taxation Code Section 205.5 provides a property tax exemption for the home of a disabled veteran or an unmarried spouse of a deceased disabled veteran.

There is a basic \$100,000 exemption or a low-income (less than \$52,470) \$150,000 exemption available to a disabled veteran who, because of an injury incurred in military service:

- is blind in both eyes; or
- has lost the use of two or more limbs; or
- is totally disabled as determined by the VA or by the military service from which the veteran was discharged.

An unmarried surviving spouse may also be eligible if the service person died as the result of a service-connected injury or a disease incurred while on active duty or as the result of active duty. In other words, a veteran may not have been eligible during his or her lifetime, but the surviving spouse may become eligible for the exemption upon the veteran's death.

The disabled veterans exemption has no personal wealth restriction. The exemption is only available on a veteran's principal place of residence. The home may only receive one property exemption. Thus, if a homeowner's exemption has been granted on a property and the owner subsequently qualifies for the disabled veterans' exemption, the homeowner's exemption should be cancelled to allow for the disabled veterans exemption as it provides the greater benefit.

The issues regarding these exemptions are complex, and the eligibility requirements are specific. Consult the local assessor's office for detailed requirements regarding these exemptions. Both exemption amounts are annually adjusted for cost of living index.

How Do I Apply?

Form BOE-261-G, Claim for Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exemption, must be used when claiming this exemption on a property for the very first time for both the basic and the low-income Disabled Veterans' Exemption. The claim form is available by contacting your county assessor.

In order to receive 100 percent of the basic exemption in the first year claimed, the claim form must be filed between the date the property or veteran qualifies and on or before the following January 1, or 90 days after the date of qualification, whichever is later. A one-time filing is only required for the \$100,000 basic exemption; however, annual filing is required for the \$150,000 low-income exemption to ensure the veteran continues to meet the household income limit restriction (claim form must be filed between January 1 and February 15).

The veteran must file the form with the county assessor of the county in which the property is located. All information requested on the form must be provided, including the following information:

Name of the person claiming the exemption

Address of the property

Statement that the veteran owned and occupied the property as his or her principal place of residence on the lien date, or that he or she intends to own and occupy the property as a principal place of residence on the next succeeding lien date

Proof of disability

Veterans may also request more information from their local County Veterans Service Office.

Are your VA and Community Providers connected?

Proper care coordination begins with health information sharing between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and your participating community care providers! By electronically sharing your record with participating providers through the Veterans Health Information Exchange (VHIE) Program, your participating community care providers can better manage your care, so you and your family will not need to request and carry paper medical records from one health care provider to another.

An example of proper care coordination at its best: A Veteran, traveling on vacation became ill and was transported to the emergency room. While receiving emergency care, the doctors were able to see the Veteran's VA health record where the community provider was able to see the patient's health summary, which included immunizations, labs, allergies, and medications list - preventing drug interactions and possible misdiagnosis.

Avoid the frustration of tracking down, copying, and carrying your medical records between private physicians, hospitals, and specialists and your VA clinicians. With records viewable to both VA and your participating non-VA healthcare providers, clinicians are able to avoid unnecessary or duplicate tests and procedures. In an emergency, the Veterans Information Exchange (VHIE) provides clinicians' access to real-time health information- when and where they need it most using health information sharing and direct messaging.

We encourage you to sign up today, to share your VA health record with your participating community care provider! Learn more about how the Veterans Health Information Exchange Program is simplifying Veteran healthcare at www.va.gov/vler.

Purple Heart Dodge Challenger Giveaway

Nexen Tire has partnered with the Purple Heart Foundation to award an iconic American muscle car - a custom 2019 Purple Heart Dodge Challenger - to a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Nexen Tire is showing its gratitude for the safety and security provided by U.S. service members and intends to honor Purple Heart recipient heroes through the giveaway. The custom Nexen Tire Purple Heart Dodge Challenger is equipped with Nexen Roadian HP Street Sport All-Season Radial Tires.

Representing the Purple Heart Foundation will be US Army SFC Leroy Petry, a Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipient and member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH). Petry was wounded in Afghanistan in 2008 while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom. "As a Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipient, I am extremely proud to be working with Nexen Tire and their American Muscle for American Heroes program," said Petry. At the end of the newsletter is an application form. All members of the Order are encouraged to go online to <https://www.nexentireusa.com/nexenhero> and apply for this incredible offer.

Be sure to read the rules closely to ensure that you provide all the required information including a photo, biography, and the circumstances for which you received the Purple Heart medal. The cutoff for applications is December 7, 2018.

The winner will be selected by a joint Nexen/MOPH Committee and will be announced about 1- week later. The winner must agree to have their photo and biography used for public relations purposes by Nexen Tire.

Chap. 750 Next Meeting

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

Need a ride to the meeting? Contact me. Members may be able to car pool with you. The November meeting 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. MOPHA meets at the same time, same place as the Patriots.

Important note about the December meeting.

We are moving the Christmas Party to January. Patriot Jon Williams wants to again host the Christmas part, but he is in a major remodel of his home and will give us an update when the Christmas party will happen. So, come to meetings and watch the newsletter.

Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2018
November 8 – December 13 – January 10



NOMINATE A HERO

FOR THE CUSTOM NEXEN TIRE PURPLE HEART DODGE CHALLENGER GIVEAWAY

For those that made it their mission to keep others safe and secure, we humbly give back. NEXEN TIRE is honoring Purple Heart recipients with the **American Muscle for American Heroes** program in partnership with the **Purple Heart Foundation**. (<https://purpleheartfoundation.org/>)

Our Sacrifice will never stack up to those who have served, but we do hold safety and security in high regard. It's woven into the DNA of every NEXEN TIRE. To align ourselves with those whose values we hold dear, we want to honor a lucky purple heart recipient with a new Nexen Tire Dodge Challenger.

Nominate a purple heart recipient you know that was wounded while keeping us safe and they'll be entered to win a custom NEXEN TIRE Purple Heart Dodge Challenger. Submit all nominations through the online form below. To qualify, nominees must be a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A. (MOPHUSA). To find out more information about MOPHUSA, to become a member, or to make a donation visit <http://www.purpleheart.org/> (<http://www.purpleheart.org/>).

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NOMINATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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UPLOAD PHOTO

Find a photo of your Purple Heart recipient* to post to your Instagram or Facebook page[†].

*Nominee must be a purple heart recipient to qualify.

[†]Facebook and Instagram pages must be public for nominee to be entered successfully.



TELL US WHY

Write a brief reason why you are nominating the specific individual and why they deserve some **American Muscle** for their service. If the nominee has an Instagram or Facebook page, tag them in the post.*

*Nominee does not need to be tagged to be entered to win.



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At the end of your post, be sure to add the hash tag #NEXENHERO to be entered successfully. Once complete, post to your public Instagram or Facebook profile.

OR NOMINATE A HERO ONLINE

FILL OUT INFORMATION BELOW AND SUBMIT
(NOMINEE WILL BE NOTIFIED OF NOMINATION VIA EMAIL)

YOUR FIRST NAME

YOUR LAST NAME

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

CONTACT EMAIL

NOMINEE FIRST NAME

NOMINEE LAST NAME

NOMINEE PHONE NUMBER

NOMINEE EMAIL

REASON FOR NOMINATION

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UPLOAD PHOTO OF NOMINEE

(JPG file format required, 3 MB max file size) *Must include photo to be entered to win.

SUBMIT NOMINATION

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