

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

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The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by our nation. George Washington.



..... **From the Commander**

July Outing

The July 11 meeting is canceled and in its place an outing to Little Saigon. Patriot Hap Desimone goes there regularly. So, the plan is to rendezvous at 8AM (Jon Williams suggestion). Like we did for the Getty Museum. Then head down to Westminster for a self-guided tour of the open market then lunch at a typical Vietnamese restaurant. Hap is making reservations at the restaurant, as you can guess, it is important to have reservations, so let me know if you and guest(s) are coming. I'll send maps of the Camarillo rendezvous and the name/address of the restaurant at least a week before the event.

From Hap:

Parking is generally easy, if you can't find a space, we are going to the nearby Market afterwards, and there is usually plenty of parking there. Parking on the street may not be available. We should DEFINITELY plan to lunch at 11:00 or 1:30, as the lunch crowd in the good places is liable to render them ridiculous. I am trying for one of the better restaurants like Pho 54. Many places are cash only. ATMs are around, but seem not to be reliable.

When Hap has a specific suggestion for restaurants, I will forward them. I have maps where we can rendezvous in Camarillo and carpool if we wish or travel as a convoy with CB cell phones.

VA MISSION Act

See the attached information sheet for the VA's new eligibility criteria for community care, providing more choices for Veterans. There are several new features I have seen in my clinic that actually benefit us.

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Chap. 750 Next Meeting

The management of the Santa Barbara Veterans Memorial Building in responding to reservation request we have the following reservations for MOPH and MOPHA to meet in Santa Barbara: August 8, and September 12.

Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2019

July Outing in Little Saigon– August 8 – September 12