

Newsletter for SGT Michael A. DiRaimondo Chapter 750 Military Order of the Purple Heart moph-chapter-750.com



From the Commander

March Meeting

The March meeting is an outing – whale watching on March 16 out of Ventura Harbor on an Island Packers boat, \$34/pp. Contact Steve Maline by March 11 if you wish to join the group: sammaline@hotmail.com or (805) 495-5042.

The second date to note is May 11 for our Annual Family Picnic at Jon and Gloria's beautifully remodeled home. This will also be the installation of 2019-2020 officers of MOPH and MOPHA.

I am attempting to reserve meeting room at the Veterans Memorial Building for our April meeting.

Our February 21st lunch and regular meeting at the Bard Mansion on the Port Hueneme Navy Base was a great success. Patriot Bob Quinn, reserved a private room which was Senator Bard's office. About fourteen members of MOPHA and MOPH attended including two guests Hap DeSimone invited as prospective members. Bob spoke about the history of Senator Bard and history of the Bard Mansion, hugely informative. Thank you, Bob.

New Donor

Thank you to Terri Smith for her generous donation.

Unit 750 MOPH Auxiliary

We were delighted to welcome Judy Quinn and Gloria Karp Williams to the Auxiliary last month. Thank you to Mary Lee Maline for taking the lead on the potluck dinner. A warm bowl of chili was perfect for a cool January evening.

Department of CA Auxiliary: Applications are being accepted for the Department's scholarship program, open to all members of MOPH/MOPHA and families. The Department Auxiliary chose to lower the bar to a minimum of a 2.5 GPA with emphasis on community service. Essay topic is on pros and cons of reinstating the draft. April 15

deadline. See www.capurpleheart.org for information and application. The Department's annual conference will be in Bakersfield and is scheduled for May 9-10.

I hope you will be able to join the fun with the Patriots on February 21 at the Bard. 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: 805-565-3759 or ms@west.net. Sally Irving, Unit 750 President.

Veterans Airlift Command

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St. Louis Park, MN 55416
952-582-2911
www.veteransairlift.org

The VAC provides free air transportation to post 9/11 combat wounded and their families for medical and other compassionate purposes through a national network of volunteer aircraft owners and pilots.

Imagine returning home from combat facing devastating injuries, and long-term hospitalization in a facility hundreds of miles away from your family. Imagine somebody brings you together. That's the Veterans Airlift Command. They provide air transportation for medical and other compassionate purposes to wounded warriors, veterans, and their families through a national network of volunteer aircraft owners and pilots.

Another Sad Story from Judicial Watch about West L.A. V.A.

The Los Angeles Veterans Affairs (VA) facility that illegally rents its sprawling grounds to institutions that don't serve veterans just evicted several groups dedicated to veterans, including a nonprofit that for decades has comforted dying vets and another that helps those who are disabled. While the VA gave the volunteer organizations the boot without offering an explanation, it continues housing a parking lot for nearby upscale shops, a university baseball stadium, a dog park for the professional dog walkers of affluent residents, and athletic fields for a fancy prep school.

It marks the latest of several scandals involving the misuse of this VA property, where a top official pleaded guilty to multiple felonies last year for taking bribes from a parking lot operator that defrauded the agency out of millions. This month at least five established nonprofits dedicated to providing veterans with therapeutic activities, counseling and other valuable survival skills have been evicted while private businesses that don't benefit vets remain. The Jewish War Veterans is among the organizations that just got kicked out along with Twilight Brigade, the Disabled American Veterans, Vet-to-Vet and the Association for Parrot C.A.R.E., which provides therapeutic activities for vets at its parrot sanctuary. A local newspaper reported the latest travesty at the southern

California VA this week, but Judicial Watch has for years investigated, sued and obtained government documents involving the VA's illegal use of this parcel.

Read more at: <https://tinyurl.com/y2tcfu36>

MOPH Department of California Annual Convention

May 9 & 10, 2019

Four Points by Sheraton

Bakersfield, CA 93309

Room Rate - \$90.00 per night plus applicable taxes

See details and conference registration at the end of the newsletter.

Music Download: *The Veteran*

<http://moph-chapter-750.com>

By Hollywood composer Barry DeVorzon.

Send me your stories, news, ideas and photos.

Chap. 750 Next Meeting

The March meeting is an outing, contact Steve Maline, his info is at the top of the newsletter.

Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2019

March 16 Outing – April 11 – May 11 Family Picnic

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Department of California

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Four Points by Sheraton, Bakersfield

5101 California Ave.

Bakersfield, CA 93309

Room Registration:

Room Rate - \$90.00 per night plus applicable taxes

To make reservations call: 661-862-7423

You must use the code "MOPH, Military Order of the Purple Heart" to get the above rate.

Reservations must be made by April 24, 2019 to receive discounted rate.

The Joint Session will begin at 0900 on May 9, 2019. The D.E.C. will immediately follow at approximately 10:00 a.m.

For those who travel, it is recommended that you arrive on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. Therefore, make sure you book your room for May 8 -10, checking out on May 11, 2019.

Registration fee is \$70.00 PER PERSON attending. Registration forms received after May 1, 2019, will be considered late. Late registrations will be \$80.00 per person. Registrations taken at the meeting will be \$80.00

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DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONVENTION

MAY 9-10, 2019

REGISTRATION FORM

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Please fill out one form for each person attending

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Chapter/Unit/Department: _____ Officer Status: _____

Registration Fee \$70.00 (includes dinner) _____ \$ _____

Late Registration Fee, NO EXCEPTIONS (AFTER MAY 1, 2019, \$80.00) \$ _____

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE ENTRÉE FOR CONVENTION DINNER ON MAY 10

Roasted Garlic Chicken _____ Grilled Tri -Tip _____

Total _____ \$ _____

Mail Registration to: Gary "Doc" Rutledge

1748 Vista Del Lago

Fallbrook, CA 92028-1748

Any registration received after May 1 , 2019 will be considered late.

Internal use only - DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE.

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