

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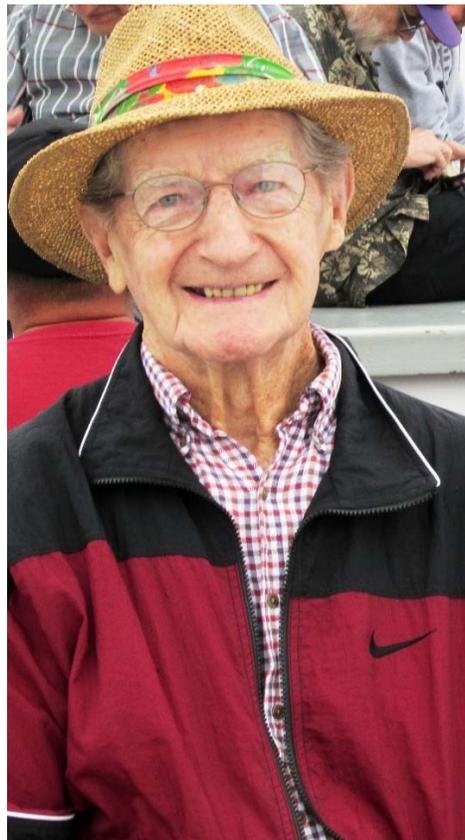


..... **From the Commander**

**May Annual Family Picnic**

May 11 is our Annual Family Picnic at Jon and Gloria’s beautifully remodeled home. Please contact Jon or me if you are attending the Picnic. The chapter elections resulted in continuance of the current officers into 2019-2020. This will also be the installation of 2019-2020 officers of MOPH and MOPHA. The June 13 meeting and MOPHA meeting will be at the Veterans Memorial Building in Santa Barbara; 6:00 pm.

**Dear Maury Has Left Us**



Photos: Last year Maury and daughter Mary flew the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. where he was honored.

The next two were from the Chap. 750 fishing charter in 2015. Maury drove to the boat in his red convertible.

A funeral mass and service is Friday, May 3rd at 12:00 noon, Saint Mary Magdalen Church in Camarillo on Las Posas Road.



Maurice McGuire, born on October 2, 1922, passed away April 8. Maury was a member of Chap. 750.

Patriot McGuire, a Marine in World War II island hopping from Bougainville to Guam. His unit was "I" Co., 3<sup>rd</sup> Bat. 9<sup>th</sup> Reg. 3<sup>d</sup> Div. Wounded prior to Iwo Jima, he was one of 250 Marines who trained in New Zealand; nine of whom survived the combat arena.

He sang solo and in choirs since he was 14 and recorded CDs singing music of Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett.

At the Ventura County Youth Correctional Facility, he led self-improvement chats with those behind bars. He was a Knight in Knights of Columbus since 1947. A volunteer for Oasis, he served frail, low income and minority elderly. He was president of his HOA. He was a bereavement minister in his church serving grieving members. Morrie was ready to help anyone with whatever the need.

God has blessed you Maury and we miss you.

Mortuary website: <https://tinyurl.com/y3alghvf> for service info and the online guest book.

### **Unit 750 MOPH Auxiliary**

Attention all Auxiliary Members – kindly confirm that you are receiving the newsletters that Commander Michael Cook distributes on a monthly basis. Please email me at [ms@west.net](mailto:ms@west.net) or call me at 805-455-1550 to confirm that your contact information has not changed. We want to hear from you and any suggestions you have for how the Unit can better support our Patriots, Veterans in need and our Auxiliary Members.

I hope you will join us for 750's annual meeting and family picnic on Saturday May 11th at the Camarillo home of Gloria and Jon Williams. Newly elected officers for the 2019-2020 year: Jane Hieter, President, Kitty Hurliman, Sr. Vice, Sally Irving Treasurer / Secretary. Big thank you to MaryLee Maline for her past service as Treasurer / Secretary. The day is a very fun annual gathering of the Patriots and Auxiliary and I hope many will be able to attend.

The Department's annual conference will again be in Bakersfield and is scheduled for May 9-10. At the April meeting the Unit approved a donation to the MOPHA Dept of

CA raffle. The raffle helps fund the Department's annual scholarship program. This year's scholarship award will be determined at the May 9-10 conference.

Thank you for all you do in supporting our Patriots and caring for all Veterans. Sally Irving, Unit 750 President.

### **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.

### **Podcast**

<http://veteranmentalhealth.com/hst099/>

Larry R. Decker, Ph.D treated PTSD for 34 years as a clinical supervisor at the Santa Barbara and Ventura Vet Centers, a tenured professor at a California State university, a contract provider with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and as the author of many technical articles and books on PTSD.

He is worth a listen.

### **Looking to purchase a new home during the spring home buying season?**

The V.A. has you covered. The VA's housing programs can help eligible Veterans and their families buy and refinance their home. We also offer grants to some service-connected Veterans to adapt their home for independent living and provide direct loans to some Native American Veterans. [www.va.gov/housing-assistance/#get](http://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/#get)

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the GI Bill which created the VA home loan program. Since 1944, nearly 24 million Veterans and family members have purchased a home using a VA-backed loan.

**Send me your stories, news, ideas and photos.**

### **Chap. 750 Next Meeting**

The April will be in Ventura. The management of the Santa Barbara Veterans Memorial Building has been quite slow in responding to reservation request. I did get the following reservations for MOPH and MOPHA to meet in Santa Barbara: June 13, August 8, and September 12.

**Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2019**  
May 11 Family Picnic – June 13 – July 11