

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

Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices. Harry S. Truman, April 16, 1945.



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

October Meeting Santa Barbara

The October 10 meeting and MOPHA meeting will be at the Veterans Memorial Building in Santa Barbara; 6:00 pm.

Important dates to note:

1. Bard Mansion Lunch October 17, noon. Meet outside the gate in front of the Seabee Museum and those that need access to the base will car pool with those who have access. Please RSVP as Patriot Bob Quinn is reserving a room.
2. December 14 our annual Christmas Party 5:30 Jon and Gloria's home.

Department of California Mid-term Meeting

Attached is the registration form and hotel info for the mid-term meeting October 9-10, 2019. We will be arriving on October 8 and leaving on October 11. Send your check along with the registration form. Registrations received after October 1 will be late and the fee will be \$50.

WWII Purple Heart Recipient Tom Morgan Passes Away

Tom was a resident at the Ventura County Veterans Home, his daughter Christina contacted me with the sad news.

Tom passed away on July 6, 2019 at the Home. Born in 1921 in St. Paul, Minnesota, he was the youngest of five discovering an early love of music.

He received his Purple Heart serving in 1944 with the 96th Infantry on Okinawa and got shrapnel from a hand grenade.

Back home, he toured with numerous Big Bands. In 1950 he joined Capitol Records, and worked his way to Vice President of East Coast Operations. He moved to Decca Records where he produced the album of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

In 2016, after many years in Camarillo, he moved to the Ventura County Veterans Home, where he teamed up with another resident musician and perform gigs for seniors throughout Ventura County.

Recipes and Cookbooks from the V.A.

<https://www.nutrition.va.gov/Recipes.asp>

I guarantee you this will be better than field rations and almost as good as the pizza chopper.

V.A. Story About Management

“Horror: VA failed to stop pathologist who misdiagnosed thousands — and showed up drunk for work.”

It took more than three thousand misdiagnoses, a dozen or more patient deaths, and multiple alerts before the Veterans Administration caught up with its chief pathologist Robert Morris Levy. The *Washington Post* offers a lengthy exposé of the VA’s internal inertia as well as the ineffectiveness of its quality controls, all of which took a terrible human cost on thousands. And the worst part is that VA officials got warned repeatedly that Levy was a problem before finally getting fired last year...over a DUI.

Full story at <https://tinyurl.com/y4stacwz>

Santa Barbara Grenada Theatre Tickets Are Back

2019/2020 season Fall performances. Veterans, active duty military personnel and their families can request tickets.

Below is the lineup of the eligible performances for October-December 2019. Please note that The Granada is allocating a maximum of 4 tickets per person for each date, so please don’t request more than four tickets to any one event. Tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis, so let me have your requests as soon as possible. I know it’s only a few days away, but the deadline for returning the ticket requests to The Granada is Tuesday, October 1st at 6:00 pm.

Once I am notified of our allocation by The Granada, I will send out confirmations. Ticket prices are \$10 per person, per event so if you have been allocated tickets, please write a check made out to The Pierre Claeysens Veterans Foundation and send it to me at the address below. Please indicate if you would like the tickets mailed to you or held at Will Call. There is no guarantee of tickets. The Granada has greatly cut back on this program.

Please note: Many of these performances are presented on two days. Please choose ONE of the days for your organization. All organizations are being allocated 4 tickets.

American Masters

State Street Ballet

Saturday

October 12, 2019

7:30 pm

Festa Italiana

SB Symphony

Saturday

October 19, 2019

8:00 pm

Festa Italiana

SB Symphony

Sunday

October 20, 2019

3:00 pm

Madama Butterfly

Friday

November 1, 2019

7:30 pm

Opera Santa

Barbara

Madama Butterfly

Sunday

November 3, 2019

2:30 pm

Opera Santa Barbara

**Alessia Cara with
opener****Ryland James**

Saturday

November 11, 2019

7:30 pm

Kabaretti Conducts:**Mozart & Mahler**

Saturday

November 16, 2109

8:00 pm

SB Symphony

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Sunday

November 17, 2019

3:00 pm

SB Symphony

Bandstand

Tuesday

November 10, 2019

7:30 pm

American Theatre

Guild

Bandstand

Wednesday

November 20, 2019

7:30 pm

American Theatre

Guild

Holiday Pops

SB Symphony

Saturday

December 7, 2019

8:00 pm

Miranda Sings

Saturday

December 14, 2019

7:30 pm

Emporium

Presents

The Nutcracker

State Street Ballet

Saturday

December 21, 2019

7:30 pm

The Nutcracker

State Street Ballet

Sunday

December 22, 2019

2:00 pm

Chap. 750 Next Meeting

October at the Santa Barbara Veterans Memorial Building, we have reservations for MOPH and MOPHA to meet in Santa Barbara on October 10. At this meeting we continue planning our Thanksgiving Food Basket drive for Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. The December meeting will be our annual Christmas Party on December 14.

October 10 – November 14 - December 14 our annual Christmas Party