



# MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

## Department Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Ventana Lakes Yacht Club, October 22, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** Sr. Vice Cdr Jerry Crosby, Acting Department Cdr, called the meeting to order at 08:45 and opened the meeting according to MOPH Procedures.
2. **Roll Call:** Adjutant Leighton called roll:
  - a. Excused: Cdr Glaudel, PDC Brown, Svc Off Byers, Cdr 572 Weathers
  - b. Absent: Cdr 472, Cdr 1912, Cdr 1958, Cdr 2020
  - c. Present: Sr. Vice Cdr Crosby, Jr. Vice Cdr Salinas, Adj Leighton, Fin Off Sas, Judge Advocate Haas, Inspector McGlynn, Sgt-At-Arms Giroux, Legislative Off Alegria, Welfare Off Craig, Chaplain Gervase, C/S – PDC Weldon, PDC Puskar, PDC Capek, Cdr 442 (Alegria), Cdr 608 (Brody), Cdr 691 Short, Cdr 790 (Bobby), Cdr 793 Velasco, Cdr 2560 Ferguson; Member Parkinson, Member Tidwell, and Associate Member Tidwell
  - d. A quorum was present.
3. **Introduction of guests or members present for the first time:** None
4. **Reading of the Minutes:** Adjutant Leighton read the minutes of the last DEC and Department Convention held June 4, 2016.

**Motion made by Ron Capek, seconded by Jack Craig, to accept the minutes as read. Passed unanimously.**

5. **Report of the Finance Officer:** Finance Officer Sas provided the Finance Report for the Period May 1 – October 22, 2016 (**Enclosure 1**)
  - a. Current Bank Account ending balance is \$20,410.27
    - i. Welfare Funds: Foundation Grant SWR33-1: \$ 4,315.88
    - ii. General Administrative Funds: \$16,094.39
  - b. There are no outstanding bills to be paid at this time.
  - c. \$9,297.62 from Defunct Chapter 422 have been sent to National to be held for the 18 month holding period.
  - d. The Department received a \$10,155.00 SWR Grant for FY2017. The first installment was \$5,077.55 of which \$761.62 (15%) can be withheld for administrative processing. There was some discussion about whether or not we could count on getting the rest of the grant given the recent debate/challenges between the Order and the Foundation. Correspondence received from the Foundation says the grant has been fully awarded only subject to the Department's compliance with Foundation guidance on funds usage and receipts.

**Motion made by Bernard Salinas, seconded by Elmer Short, to accept the Finance Report as presented. Passed unanimously.**



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6. **Reading and Action on Bills Payable:** Adjutant Leighton read the outstanding warrants as listed below:

\$ 22.32	Larry Leighton	Mailing Safford Plaque to B. Stauffer
\$ 82.66	Peter Haas	Procedures Manual copies
\$ 39.95	Jerry Crosby	Safford PH City Plaque
\$ 39.95	Henry Glaudel	Veteran Memorial Plaque - Al Santillan
\$ 235.68	Larry Leighton	Defunct Chapter Mailings (422, 433, 798)
\$ 3.33	Chapter 790	Printing 5 Year Plan for 10/22/16 DEC - Crosby

**Motion made by Ron Capek, seconded by Jack Craig, to pay the Warrants as presented. Passed unanimously.**

There was some discussion about the history and cost of the Defunct Chapter Mailings. The above warrant represents all postage and handling costs for the three chapters including both letter mailings. Disposition (shipping and handling) of any chapter property will be paid for by National. We still need to keep pressure on National Membership to receive those disposition instructions and to have the members of those chapters transferred to Department At Large Members.

7. **Reports by Committees and Officers:**

a. **Judge Advocate** (Patriot Peter Haas):

- i. Department of Arizona Constitution and Bylaws (July, 2012) Review and update is needed to ensure they are in compliance with the Orders' 2015-2016 Constitution and Bylaws. The review will be done primarily by telephone and email. Contact Patriot Haas if you can help or with your input ([peterhaas1223@cox.net](mailto:peterhaas1223@cox.net)).

**Action Item:** Patriot Haas to provide the Department Adjutant the updated DRAFT Department of Arizona Constitution and Bylaws by February 1, 2017 for distribution to the DEC membership thirty days prior to the March DEC meeting.

- ii. Additional copies of the Orders' 2015-2016 Constitution and Bylaws are available if anyone needs one.
- iii. All members are invited to join in the Veterans Day Parade; meet at Central and Bethany Park by 9:00 AM. Contact Patriot Haas for more details ([peterhaas1223@cox.net](mailto:peterhaas1223@cox.net)).

b. **Inspector** (Patriot Ed McGlynn):

- i. Eight (8) of our 10 active chapters have been inspected with the remaining two scheduled before the end of the year.



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- ii. Not all required reports show as having been submitted according to the Order's website Report Tracker. He will continue to work with National to get this corrected.
  - iii. There was some discussion concerning whether or not we had budgeted enough for the Inspector's travel expenses – deferred to New Business.
- c. **Legislative Officer** (Patriot David Alegria):
- i. No requests from Chapters to take on any Veterans issues.
  - ii. Currently working with Congresswoman McSally's office and Vietnam Veterans of America to change the disability process so that whenever a cancer disabled Veteran is declared in remission, the disability is not withdrawn.
  - iii. Patriot Alegria asked if we wanted him to continue with an action to reduce/eliminate Arizona Property tax for 100% Disabled Purple Heart Recipients which had died in committee a couple of years ago. Consensus was a definite yes. David reiterated to all that this would be a long project but it had lots of support in the past.
- d. **Welfare and VAVS Officer** (Patriot Jack Craig): Still needs National Certification.

**Action Item**: Adjutant Leighton to follow up with National concerning the Welfare Officer's Certification.

- e. **Chaplain** (Patriot Nick Gervase): Nothing to report.
- f. **Americanism Officer** (Patriot Frank Giroux):
- i. Next spring Leadership Award count is being reduced from 77 to 76. Chapters should notify Patriot Giroux if there are any other changes in the program.
  - ii. The Badges of Merit that the US Supplier had on hand were purchased last year. Patriot Giroux is working with Patriot Slocum, Chapter 442, to identify a new supplier and another has possibly been identified in Glendale.

It was suggested that we should suggest National pick up the challenge of making the Badge of Merit a standard for the Order and also to see if the Purple Heart Store might be interested in carrying the Badge of Merit.

- g. **Chief of Staff** (Patriot Billy Weldon): Patriot Weldon let everyone know about his upcoming trip as Region VI Commander to participate in the 75<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Anniversary Celebration. There are three Pearl Harbor survivors living in Arizona. National Jr Vice-Commander holds regularly scheduled



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conference call to keep the Region Commanders informed about activities around the country.

8. **Reading of Orders and Communications:** Acting Department Commander Crosby presented the following information:
- a. Commander Glaudel is on a Leave of Absence until November 15.
  - b. AZ Thunderrun Veterans Rally at West World: Nov 11-13  
(<http://arizonathunderrun.com/>)
  - c. El Mirage Salute to Veterans and Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall: El Mirage Gateway Park, Nov 4-6  
([http://www.yourwestvalley.com/elmirage/article\\_d2963b66-9cde-11e6-9d45-ffe3102a14e0.html](http://www.yourwestvalley.com/elmirage/article_d2963b66-9cde-11e6-9d45-ffe3102a14e0.html)).
  - d. Wreaths Across America: Potential organization for your donations:  
(<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/#join-us>)
  - e. Honor Flight Arizona: Potential organization for your donations:  
(<http://honorflightaz.org/>)
  - f. VetTix: Potential organization for your donations or a place to get event tickets: (<http://www.vettix.org/>)
  - g. Women Veterans and Family Section for Maricopa County Standdown (Wish list – **Enclosure 2.**)

9. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. **Presentation of Purple Heart County Plaques:** Patriot Weldon informed us about the County Supervisors Association (CSA) meeting to be held in Flagstaff on October 25 at 5:30 PM where he will present each County Supervisor Chairperson or Representative with the appropriate Purple Heart County Plaque, Purple Heart Challenge Coin, and Purple Heart Supporter Pin.
- b. **Other unfinished business:** None.

10. **New Business:**

- a. **Service Foundation Grant:** Commander Crosby opened the floor for discussion about how we could use the Foundation Grant Funds.
  - i. Patriot Capek suggested a donation to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society Veterans Scholarship Fund. He provided some history about the challenges being met by this fund. Clarification concerning the limits of the term “scholarship” was also discussed.

**Moved by Ron Capek, seconded by Larry Leighton, to donate \$500 to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society Veterans Scholarship Fund. Motion withdrawn.**



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After some discussion, it was pointed out this was not a viable use of SWR Funds and the motion was withdrawn. Patriot Capek suggested it was a viable use of funds raised by Chapters outside the Foundation Grants. Patriot Alegria pointed out that all in-state tuition has been waived for Veterans with a 50% or higher disability rating.

- ii. Patriot Alegria brought up using Grant Funds to support the 2017 Arizona Standdown in Tucson.

**Moved by David Alegria, seconded by Larry Leighton, to donate \$1000 to the 2017 Tucson Arizona Standdown. After all discussion highlighted below, passed unanimously.**

There was considerable discussion about which Standdowns to support (Patriot Tidwell told us there are 8 separate Standdowns in Arizona); whether to support the centralized agency (Arizona Veterans Standdown Alliance) or directly to the Chapters in direct contact with the specific agency/committee holding 8 Standdowns.

**Action Item:** Patriot Tidwell to provide a detail list of the 8 Arizona Standdowns along with the dates planned for 2017 to the Department Adjutant.

We also discussed how best to ensure the Foundation required documentation would be received in a complete and timely manner in order to be assured we would receive the second installment of the FY2017 SWR Grant.

**Moved by Ron Capek, seconded by Larry Leighton, to amend the motion to fund the Tucson StandDown by adding the Department would divide the grant funds in three Arizona into three "zones" (Northern, Central, and Southern) to support the 8 Standdowns. Motion defeated.**

The group consensus was that the Department made a decision, approximately a year ago, to fund individual Standdowns and not to make a centralized donation and not to divide the state into zones and that we would continue funding Arizona Standdowns along these guidelines.

**Moved by Joe Tidwell, seconded by Frank Giroux, to donate \$1000 to the 2017 Maricopa County Arizona Standdown. Passed unanimously.**



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**Moved by Michael Ferguson, seconded by Ron Capek, to donate \$500 to the 2017 Pinal County Arizona Standdown. Passed unanimously.**

**Moved by Jack Craig, seconded by Frank Giroux, to donate \$1000 to the 2017 Tri-State (Bullhead City) Arizona Standdown. Passed unanimously.**

**Moved by Michael Brody, seconded by Frank Giroux, to donate \$815.88 to the 2017 Prescott Arizona Standdown. Passed unanimously.**

Patriot Weldon said that Chapter 793 will support the 2017 Flagstaff Standdown without using Foundation Grant funds.

The Department will provide the appropriate checks to the Chapter Commanders along with guidance to pass on the donations as quickly as possible and to get the appropriate receipts/acknowledgements required by the Foundation.

**b. Department Five Year Plan (Enclosure 3):**

- i. Patriot Salinas briefed the highlights of the Five Year plan:
1. Recruiting goal: two (2) new members per chapter each year.
  2. Purple Heart City goal: Four new cities/towns per year.
  3. Finance goal: At least two (2) Viola Drives per year per Chapter.
  4. Communications goal: New integrated Department and Chapter websites (Enclosure 4).

**Moved by Ron Capek, seconded by David Alegria, to hire Patriot Ian Parkinson for \$1,000 to develop a Department and unlimited Chapter Websites as outlined in the presentation. Passed unanimously.**

Several points were discussed:

- Search engine optimization
- Website administration (at chapter level using templates)
- Personal information security
- Interaction/connectivity between Department and Chapters
- Webpage versus social maintenance
- Chapters do not have to have one of these websites; existing websites can still be integrated into the new Department Website



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**Moved by Stephan Bobby, seconded by Jack Craig, to accept the Department Five Year Plan as presented. Passed unanimously.**

### c. **Department Fund Raising Organization:**

The issue at hand is whether or not we want to have an additional organization, subordinate to the Department, organized as a 501.c.3 non-profit or if we can raise the funds required to support our missions with our current 501.c.19 organization. Several points were raised and discussed:

1. Some corporations will only donate to a 501.c.3 despite a 501.c.19 organization can also issue tax deductible receipts.
2. Separate organization must be subordinate to National and Department of Arizona Military Order of the Purple Heart Constitution and By-laws.
3. Separate organization must have its own name, separate officers, and controlling structure (board of directors), constitution, and by-laws.
4. Donations could be made to Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation (501.c.3) and the Department/Chapters could then make requests from them to get the donated funds back to Arizona. This process would definitely be slower than controlling our own 501.c.3 organization. There does not appear to be any "guarantee" that donations can be made to the Foundation with constraints (i.e. must be returned to Department of Arizona). The decision to grant funds from the Foundation requires a vote by the Foundation Board of Directors.
5. Chapter 790 is in the process of creating 501.c.3 organization that is subordinate to the Chapter.
6. A Department level 501.c.3 organization would be structured with its constitution, by-laws, and request procedures to cover/include all Department Chapters.

**Moved by Frank Giroux, seconded by Ron Capek, sponsor the effort to create the appropriate 501.c.3 Purple Heart charitable organization not to exceed \$800 (general/admin funds). Passed unanimously.**

An additional comment was made to keep the word "foundation" out of the new organization's name.

**Action Item:** Adjutant Leighton to start the process to create the organization discussed above and submit the package to the March DEC for approval prior to submitting to the IRS.



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- d. **Inter-department Communications:** This agenda item was not discussed other than Patriot Crosby reiterating the decision to move forward with the Departments Five Year Plan and the creation/maintenance of the Department/Chapter Websites.
- e. **2017 Spring DEC and Department Convention Dates:** The following dates were submitted to the Ventana Lakes staff for coordination. The dates are listed in preferred sequence. The Ventana Lakes staff will reply with their availability sometime after Dec 1, 2016.
- i. **Spring DEC:** March 4, 11, or 18. (Chapter 442 has a golf tournament planned on Mar 25<sup>th</sup>; Chapter 2560 meets on Mar 18<sup>th</sup> but this would not preclude the DEC being held on the 18<sup>th</sup>.)
  - ii. **Department Convention:** May 6, 13, or 20 (No conflicts noted).
- Action Item:** All Chapter Commanders to notify Department Adjutant as soon as possible if there are any Chapter conflicts with the above dates.
- f. **Department Constitution and Bylaws Review:** Covered above in Judge Advocate's report.
- g. **Chapter Commander Reports:**
- i. **No Report:** Chapters 422, 433, 472, 572, 798, 1912, 1958, 2020
  - ii. **Chapter 442:** Very active supporting Tucson area Veterans including Tucson's Veterans Day Weekend "Hats Off" to Heroes Celebration and the Tower Challenge; their Golf Tournament to share funds with Fisher House to provide food and funds for other daily operating needs.
  - iii. **Chapter 608:** Patriot Santillan passed away a couple of weeks ago.
  - iv. **Chapter 691:** No Golf Tournament this year (Tournament of the Heart) since the organizer is out of state; looking for new ways to raise money; Chapter members helping at El Mirage Salute to Veterans; supporting several Veterans Day activities.
  - v. **Chapter 790:** Just completed one Viola drive raising just under \$3,000 dollars and will schedule another one after the first of the year; marching as a unit in the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade; hosting a steak fry for Veterans in wheelchairs (periodic event).
  - vi. **Chapter 793:** (Written report submitted – **Enclosure 5**. Copies were made available if anyone wanted them.) Items not in the report:





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Inspector was “nice to us”, entered Purple Heart Truck in Fort Verde parade; highway cleanup; supported other Veteran organizations.

- vii. **Chapter 2560:** (Written report submitted – **Enclosure 6.**) Chapter is relatively new and growing, moved to Apache Junction Community Veterans Center; will have float in Apache Junction Veterans Day Parade and Christmas Parade of Lights in December.

### **h. Other New Business:**

- i. **Travel Expense Reimbursement Reduction:** Patriot Sas suggested the current travel reimbursement needed to be reduced from \$0.415 per mile (to/from home/meeting site) and \$150.00 (one night only) down to \$0.20 per mile and \$100.00 per night.

1. Points discussed included:

- a. “Using a reasonability check” should a receipt be submitted that exceeds the above limits.
- b. Should travel expenditures be funded as an incentive to come to the DEC and State Convention versus not funded because it is a “Patriot/Commander/Officer responsibility” to attend Department meetings.
- c. How will the Department budget and plan to fund the travel expenditures.
- d. Patriots don not have to submit travel receipts for reimbursement or could turn down any reimbursement.
- e. Clarified the Adjutant can issue warrants to make payments for items that are within approved budgeted item limits without a separate express DEC approval.

**Moved by Ron Capek, seconded by Larry Leighton, to retain the travel expense reimbursement/stipend for Patriots traveling to and from their home to Department meetings. Reimbursements to be limited to \$0.20 per mile each way (minimum of 50 miles one way) and \$100.00 for one night’s lodging). A “reasonable” check may be applied. Passed unanimously.**

- ii. **Travel Expense Reimbursement for Department Inspector:** After hearing the Inspector’s report (see Paragraph 7.b. above) we discussed whether or not the Budget item was sufficient to cover the Inspector’s travel requirements.

**Moved by Ron Capek, seconded by David Alegria, to increase the Current Budget’s Proposed Expenditures**



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**for the Inspector from \$500.00 to \$800.00. Passed  
unanimously.**

## **11. Good of the Order:**

- a. El Mirage Salute to Veterans and Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall in El Mirage Nov 4-6. We will have a recruiting tent there on the 5<sup>th</sup>. If you can, please stop by.
- b. This year's Pearl Harbor Attack Celebration on December 7<sup>th</sup>, at Wesley Bolin Plaza at 9:00, celebrates the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary but unfortunately it is also the last one planned.
- c. Arizona Veterans' Donation Fund Grant: Chapters are encouraged to review criteria outlined in the email from Adjutant Leighton sent Oct 17 of the same subject and submit grant proposals for their Chapter or the Department.
- d. Patriot Crosby provided an example Facebook entry that could be used to identify and recruit Purple Heart recipients into our Order. This example is from Chapter 790 who will pay the Life Membership dues for any new members. (**Enclosure 7.**)

- 12. Closing Ceremony:** Acting Department Commander, Patriot Jerry Crosby, conclude the Department Executive Committee meeting in accordance with ritual at 1:30 PM.

*Larry Leighton*

Larry Leighton

Adjutant, Department of Arizona, Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) of the U.S.A., Inc.

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## Enclosure 1: Financial Report

### Department Executive Committee Meeting Report October 22, 2016 Finance Officer's Report

	(-)	(+)	Balance
<b>DEPARTMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>			
Bank Savings Account			0
Interest Earned			
Ending Balance October 22, 2016			0
<b>DEPARTMENT CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>			
Beginning Balance April 30, 2016			17,684.52
Total Bank Deposits		14,375.12	
Total Checks Issued	11,649.37		
Ending Balance October 22, 2016			<b>20,410.27</b>
<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>			
Department Adopted Budget for 2015-2016			6,618.00
Total Expenses as of October 22, 2016	1,371.75		
Ending Balance of Adopted Budget as of October 22, 2016			<b>5,246.25</b>
<b>ARIZONA DEPT OF VETERAN SERVICES GRANT</b>			
Beginning Balance			-0-
Administrative Cost Withheld	0		
Donations out	-0-		
Ending Balance			<b>-0-</b>
<b>MOPH NATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANT</b>			
Beginning Balance			5,077.50
Administrative Cost Withheld of 15%	761.62		
Donations out as of October 22, 2016		-0-	
Ending Balance as of October 22, 2016			<b>4,315.88</b>
<b>BRICK ACCOUNT</b>			
Budgeted Amount for 2015-2016 \$250 income \$100 expense			
Expenses as of October 22, 2016	45.50		
Income as of October 22, 2016		-0-	
Balance of Brick Account as of October 22, 2016			<b>45.50</b>



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## **Enclosure 2: Women Veteran Wish List**

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Subj: **The Women Veterans & Family Sections for StandDown**  
Date: 9/17/2018 7:56:42 P.M. US Mountain Standard Time  
From: [gabeforsberg@gmail.com](mailto:gabeforsberg@gmail.com)

Dear donors,

I wanted you to know that this is the wish list for this year. We will not be dealing with any used clothing at all this year (not even jeans). It has become too cumbersome and we want to focus on new clothing and other items this year. You've been very generous to us in the past and I wanted to get you this wish list early (before Veterans Day & Thanksgiving hit). I'm not being presumptuous, I promise... I just wanted to make this available

The dates for the StandDown may change if the Arizona Veterans Coliseum gets a paying customer who wants that particular weekend and puts \$10,000 on the table... but at this time, these are the dates (Thursday and Friday is when we will be providing services and Saturday is a wrap-up & graduation day for the guests). Thank you for all that you've done to help make this a welcoming experience for our women veterans and the children who come with their parents. thx - gabe

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Monday, September 18, 2016 AOL: JP13dwell



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## **Enclosure 3: Department Five Year Plan**

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### **MOPH DEPT. OF AZ FIVE YEAR PLAN**

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#### Objective/Mission

**To foster an environment of good will and camaraderie among combat wounded Veterans, promote patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives, and most importantly, provide service to all veterans and their families.**

#### MEMBERSHIP

- 1. All Chapters are requested to set a goal of recruiting a minimum of (2) two new Life Members per year over the next five years.**

*Enclosure 3*

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## **Enclosure 4: Chapter & Department Website Re-design Presentation**

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# CHAPTER & DEPARTMENT WEBSITE RE-DESIGN





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## **Enclosure 5: Chapter 793 Cdr's Report**

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### MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART Dale E. Crick Chapter 793 Flagstaff, Arizona

#### **ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS: MAY & JUNE 2016**

The MOPH Dale E. Crick Chapter 793 was represented at these events:

##### **National Purple Heart Truck Welcome - May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

- May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016: MOPH 793 welcomed the "National Purple Heart F150 Truck" and driver Tyler Huffman at the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort in Two Guns, Arizona who provided buffet dinner for the entourage and guests
- MOPH 793 also received 24 reserved parking signs from the national delegation



##### **PURPLE HEART RUN - MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

- Community Ceremony at Flagstaff War Memorial beginning at 9:30 Am  
<https://purpleheartmedal.squarespace.com/purplehearttruckrun/>

2016 "Purple Heart Run" "Mobility is Freedom"  
Community Welcome Ceremony  
Flagstaff, Arizona  
Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 9:30 Am  
Wheeler Park, Flagstaff War Memorial



The Purple Heart Run was welcomed in Flagstaff at a community ceremony on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Wheeler Park at the War Memorial. On Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Purple Heart Run came to an end of its 6700 mile cross country tour of the United States, when it pulled into the grounds of the USMC National Marine Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.

National Commander Robert Puskar then presented the vehicle to LCPL Nicholas Thom (USMC Ret.) a Combat Wounded – Double Amputee OEF Veteran.

#### **THE PURPLE HEART RUN F150 TRUCK AND THE MOPH 793 PURPLE HEART TRUCK WERE BOTH DISPLAYED AT WHEELER PARK**

MOPH 793 Report May & June 2016 For DEC Meeting, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016



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## **Enclosure 6: Chapter 2560 Cdr's Report**

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### MOPH Apache Junction Arizona Chapter # 2560 Report

Since our chapter has only been in existence for just a little over a year, we are still getting our feet on the ground and learning the Purple Heart ways. Our Chapter is small but growing – would grow faster if National would start sending out membership cards – Have moved to the Apache Junction Community Veterans Center for betterment of the Chapter. Our Chapter goes dark for the months of July and August but even dark we did events.

On August 7<sup>th</sup> 2016: Purple Heart day – A. Mayor proclaimed August 7<sup>th</sup> as Purple Heart Day for the City of Apache Junction. At 0800 we have Purple Heart flag raising at both VFW's and the At the City focus point. (pictures included)

On August 15<sup>th</sup> - we presented the City of Apache Junction Reserved Parking Signs for Combat Wounded – with purple heart logo. This was in conjunction with Wounded Warriors Families. Since then we have given out another 20 for Apache Junction businesses. (Picture included)

As for all these few months coming up we have scheduled a float in Apache Junction Veterans Day Parade.

Recruiting and informational Purple Heart Booth at Festival of the Superstitions, November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Will be in the Apache Junction Christmas Parade of Lights - December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Working on Pinal County stand down and other upcoming events.

Submitted October 22, 2016

Michael Ferguson

Commander Chapter # 2560

*Enclosure 6*

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**Enclosure 7: Example Facebook Recruiting Listing**

POST ON  
FACEBOOK

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If you are a Combat Wounded  
Veteran residing in Arizona you may  
become a Member of The Military  
Order of the Purple Heart. No Fees.

Contact: Cornbread at 480-285-4376.

jlc/102216

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## Enclosure 8: DEC Agenda

### MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (DEC) MEETING AGENDA October 22, 2016

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| 1. Call to Order                                      | Patriot Sr-Vice Commander Crosby  |
| 2. Roll Call  | Patriot Adjutant Leighton         |
| 3. Introduction of Guests and New Members             |                                   |
| Attending for the first time                          | Patriot Sergeant-At-Arms Giroux   |
| 4. Reading of the Minutes                             | Patriot Adjutant Leighton         |
| 5. Report of the Finance Officer                      | Patriot David Sas                 |
| 6. Reading and Action on Bills Payable                | Patriot Adjutant Leighton         |
| 7. Reports by Committees and Officers                 |                                   |
| a. Judge Advocate                                     | Patriot Peter Haas                |
| b. Inspector  | Patriot Ed McGlynn                |
| c. Service Officer                                    | Patriot Charles Byers             |
| d. Legislative Officer                                | Patriot David Alegria             |
| e. Welfare and VAVS Officer                           | Patriot Jack Craig                |
| f. Chaplain   | Patriot Nick Gervase              |
| g. Americanism Officer                                | Patriot Frank Giroux              |
| h. Chief of Staff                                     | Patriot Billy Weldon              |
| 8. Reading of Orders and Communications               | Patriot Sr-Vice Commander Crosby  |
| 9. Unfinished Business                                |                                   |
| Presentation of Purple Heart County Plaques           | Patriot Billy Weldon              |
| 10. New Business                                      |                                   |
| a. Service Foundation Grant                           | Patriot Sr-Vice Commander Crosby  |
| b. Department Five Year Plan                          | Patriot Jr-Vice Commander Salinas |
| c. Department Fund Raising Organization               | Patriot Sr-Vice Commander Crosby  |
| d. Inter-department Communications                    | Patriot Sr-Vice Commander Crosby  |
| e. 2017 Spring DEC and Department Convention Date     | Patriot Sr-Vice Commander Crosby  |
| f. Department Constitution and Bylaws Review          | Patriot Sr-Vice Commander Crosby  |
| g. Chapter Commander Reports                          |                                   |
| i. 422 Phoenix - Closing                              | No Report                         |
| ii. 433 Yuma - Closing                                | No Report                         |
| iii. 442 Ft. Lowell, Tucson                           | Patriot Dave Bertagnoli           |
| iv. 472 Tri-City, Mesa                                | Patriot James Pomush              |
| v. 572 COL Fyffe, Sierra Vista                        | Excused - No Report               |
| vi. 608 MAJ Tapia, Prescott                           | Patriot Ron Smith                 |
| vii. 691 M Mahoney, Surprise                          | Patriot Elmer Short               |
| viii. 790 J Suardini, Scottsdale                      | Patriot Woody Glaudel             |
| ix. 793 D Crick, Flagstaff                            | Patriot Guadalupe Velasco         |
| x. 798 Bullhead City - Closing                        | No Report                         |
| xi. 1912 Mohave County, Bullhead City                 | Patriot Ken Kruse                 |
| xii. 1958 Sun Lakes, Sun Lakes                        | Patriot John Sonley               |
| xiii. 2020 A Martin, Maricopa                         | Patriot Walter Martin             |
| xiv. 2560 Apache Junction                             | Patriot Michael Ferguson          |
| 11. Good of the Order                                 | Patriot Sr-Vice Commander Crosby  |
| a. Vietnam Traveling Wall Memorial - Nov 4-8          |                                   |
| b. El Mirage Salute to Veterans - Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> |                                   |
| 12. Closing Ceremony                                  | Patriot Sr-Vice Commander Crosby  |
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