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Fellow Patriots,

Welcome to the Department of Arizona.

Thank you for your service to the Nation and to the MOPH. To be a successful organization we need to work as a team. You do not have to do it alone.

Lean on other chapters and Patriots for ideas. Offer up your ideas and network with the other chapters. Then share best practices.

Our number one priority as a department is to get our members involved. Once we get our members engaged new members will join, so let's give them reason to want to join our beloved order. Reach out to one other Patriot and encourage them to attend a chapter meeting and the Department convention. Getting involved is how we sustain and grow the order and ensure it stands the test of time so that we can pass it along to the next generation of service-members. Let us make this a year of growth by working together and reaching out to the community.

I won't ask you to do anything I'm not willing to do myself! I will do my best to be at as many events that I know about and fit my work schedule. Join me in showing why the MOPH is the premier veterans' organization in Arizona.

Yours in Patriotism,
Keith Gray
Commander

Department Convention & Elections

The Department Convention and Department elections will be held on **April 15th** at the Elks Mesa Buckhorn Lodge. Hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm. A light breakfast and lunch are available. Elks Mesa Buckhorn Lodge, 6718 E. Avalon St., Mesa, AZ 85205
Zoom will also be available. If you would like to serve as an officer let us know. If you would like to nominate someone for officer positions also let us know.
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Update Your Contact Information

Keep your snail mail address, phone & email address up to date. You can do this yourself at the MOPH National website at <https://national-moph.ucr.appspot.com/#>. You just need your membership number to log-in. You can also email us at adjutant.mophaz@gmail.com and we can update your snail mail, phone & email address for you.

Find Us Online

Website: <http://mophaz.org/>
Facebook: [Department Facebook Page](#)

Calendar

- **March 15/16** - Tucson StandDown
- **March 22** - Verde Valley StandDown
- **March 25** - Welcome Home Veterans Mesa
- **March 28** – Maricopa County StandDown
- **March 29/Apr 2** - Traveling Wall Camp Verde
- **April 15** - Department Convention

Monthly Commander's Call

Cdr's Call is every month on the Fourth Thursday. In the absence of the chapter commander someone from the chapter command group must attend. Open to all members. **Time: 06:30 PM Arizona Time.**

Mar 23, 2023 06:30 PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 842 2842 9701; Passcode: 879117
Dial in: 669 900 6833

Patriot of the Year Committee

If anyone would like to serve on the Dept Patriot of the Year Committee let us know by March 1. Committee will meet a couple of times by Zoom to chose the Dept Patriot of the Year. Contact the adjutant at adjutant.mophaz@gmail.com

Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of AZ



The Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona is our Department 501c3 entity. If for tax purposes you or a donor is required to donate to a 501c3 using the online portal will donate to the Purple Heart Combat

Wounded Veterans of Arizona. Funds designated & noted for specific chapters will go in their entirety to said chapter. **Be sure to use the “Add or Write a NOTE” field to specify the purpose of your donation.** Otherwise, funds will be delivered, in full, to the department.

Donate Online: [Donations Appreciated](#)

Thank-you in advance for supporting Veterans!



Fellow Patriots:

This month the chapter held a social dinner to honor General Washington's birthday. Thank you to all who attended. The chapter participated in the Four Chaplains Ceremony by placing a wreath in honor of the Four Chaplains. Patriot John Grand was selected as the Chapter Patriot of the Year. The Tucson Stand-Down will be held on March 15 & 16. We have begun to schedule JROTC/ROTC Award presentations with the 13 JROTC/ROTC programs we support in southern Arizona.

We will hold chapter elections in March. If you would like to serve as an officer or nominate someone to serve contact us with nominations by March 20th.

Yours in Patriotism,
Mike Dyer
Commander

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The Purple Heart Magazine

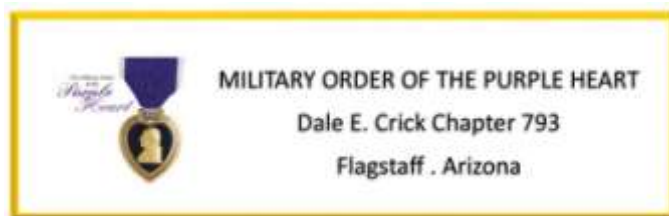
The **January/February issue of the Purple Heart Magazine** is available online at this [link](#).

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services



Dana Allmond, LTC Army Ret, is the new Director of the Arizona Department Veterans' Services. Dana earned a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1994, a graduate degree from the Long Island

University Charles William Post Campus in 2002, and a graduate degree from W. P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University in 2019. You can view her welcome message [here](#).



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Next Meeting – March 22

Meeting time: 12:30PM

Meeting location: VFW Post 1709

409 W Santa Fe Ave, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Meeting date: Bi-monthly on 4th Wednesday.

Chapter 793 will have a booth at the Traveling Vietnam Wall next month. The wall will be on display at the community center in downtown Camp Verde. Please join us as we honor veterans and the fallen from the Vietnam War during this event. Come join us.

- March 29: Official Opening Ceremony, Pinning Ceremony for Vietnam Vets at Redinger Ramada
- April 1: Verde Valley Honor Ride – begins in Sedona, traverses the Verde Valley and ends at Fort Verde State Historic Park.
- April 1: 1 p.m. Grand Opening & Welcome Ceremony Redinger Ramada.
- April 2: Closing Ceremony at 3 p.m. at the Community Center Field.

Website: <https://mophtucson.webs.com/>

Facebook: [Chapter 442 Facebook](#)

Donate online: [Donations Appreciated](#)

Meeting date: 3rd Monday (no meetings June, July or August)

Time: 5:00 PM

Meeting location: Bridge Church at 8150 N Sandy Desert Trail, Tucson, AZ 85741. This is just off of I10 & Cortaro Farms Rd. Go east on Cortaro Farms Rd to N. Sandy Desert Trail.

Patriot John Grand has been selected as the Chapter 442 Patriot of the Year. John will be honored at the March meeting.



Fort Lowell Chapter 442 participated in the Tucson Four Chaplains ceremony on February 5th. Patriot Jim Zimmerman & Patriot John R. Moore placed a wreath honoring the Four Chaplains. Patriot John R. Moore spoke about significance and the history of the Purple Heart.



Patriot Moore and Patriot Zimmerman place wreath

Go to url: <https://azstateparks.com/fort-verde/events/welcome-home-vietnam-veterans>



The Verde Valley Stand-Down will be held March 22 in Clarkdale, AZ



John Suardini Chapter 790 – Scottsdale, AZ



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Upcoming Meetings:

- Mar 6, 2023, 06:00 PM social meeting
- Apr 3, 2023, 6:00 PM zoom meeting
- May 1, 2023, 6:00 PM regular meeting
- Jun 5, 2023, 6:00 PM social meeting
- Jul 3, 2023, 6:00 PM zoom meeting
- Aug 7, 2023, 6:00 PM regular meeting

No meetings in September.

Each meeting is on a Monday at 6:00 PM located at

during the ceremony.



Chapter 442 held a social on February 20th to celebrate General Washington's birthday. Members, spouses and guests had a good time.



The Tucson Stand-Down will be held March 15th/16th at the Grand Lux Hotel in Tucson.

American Legion Post 44, 7145 E 2nd St, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. (Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, or Adjutant) **are REQUIRED to attend.**

All members are invited to participate.

Meeting time: 6:00PM; Dinner: 6:00PM (optional)

Meeting location: American Legion Post 44
7145 E 2nd St, Scottsdale, AZ 8525

Chapter Officers: If you cannot make it., please CALL the Commander ((210 663 6072) to let him know. If you have topics for the agenda, please let the commander know.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/6983434344?pwd=eXBJK2lqYlJObWdJNm1UNHZ4YnVQdz09>

Meeting ID: 698 343 4344

Passcode: 738329

Facebook: [Chapter 790 Facebook](#)

Some Gave All – All Gave Some!

Order a 4" x 8" Purple Heart Brick to be placed at Wesley Bolin Plaza at the State Capitol to commemorate being a Purple Heart recipient or order one to commemorate a family member or friend who received the Award. The cost of the brick, engraving, and placement costs are: \$35 Purple Heart recipients and \$40 for other veterans. Checks, along with a copy of your order form, should be made out to MOPH AZ & sent to:

Patriot Stephan Bobby

MOPH AZ PH Brick Coordinator

4543 E. County Down Dr.

Chandler, AZ 85249-7339

OR

Download Order Form: [PH BRICK ORDER FORM](#)



TUCSON VETERANS

2023 Stand Down and Career Fair
Grand Luxe Hotel 1365 W. Grant Road

Veteran Stand Down March 15
from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
and Career Fair March 16
from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

* Please bring extra copies of your resume; business casual attire for the career fair

Open to ALL Veterans, National Guard and Reservists
in the local area in need of the following resources:

- Clothing/hygiene items
- Haircuts
- Just minor first aid
- Housing options
- Veterans Court
- Mental Health and Religious counseling
- Substance abuse counseling
- Treatment referrals
- Legal matters
- Employment assistance and job training
- Disability claims
- Benefits applications
- Pet care
- Service Organizations

Lunch will be served

For event information contact
520-909-4660 or azvet4u@gmail.com

NO ALCOHOL • NO DRUGS • NO WEAPONS



The Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Foundation, Inc is holding a charity golf tournament benefiting the State Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Marana. Help raise funds to support our local veterans' cemetery.

GOLF TOURNAMENT 2023

CHARITY FUNDRAISER
Benefiting the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Marana

MAY 13 2023

\$600 - 4 Person Team
www.avmc-foundation.org

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Chapter 472 –Mesa, AZ



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Meeting date: Last Thursday of the month (No meetings: Jun Jul & Aug)

Meeting time: 10:00AM

Meeting location: American Legion Post 26
505 W 2nd Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85210-1202

Sun Lakes Chapter 1958 chapter closed. Unless a member requested a different chapter, members with an Arizona address were transferred to Chapter 472. Welcome to chapter 472. We hope newly transferred members will become involved and active in our chapter.

Chapter 472 along with Chapter 2560 will host a MOPH booth at the 50th Anniversary Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home celebration in Mesa, AZ from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM March 25th. Come join us.

*****Save The Date*****

50th Anniversary Welcome Home! Vietnam Veterans Day

Saturday, March 25, 2023
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Mountain View Cemetery and Funeral Home
7900 E. Main Street
Mesa, AZ 85207

Everyone is Welcome to Attend!!

What is Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day?
More than 8 million U.S. Troops served in Vietnam. The last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the end of March 1973. These veterans came home to a country divided on their feelings about the war. Many who returned did not receive recognition for their service.

Schedule of Events:

10:00 am - 11:30 am - We are honored to have Major General Peter Alynard and his staff from Washington, DC, several guest speakers, Veterans Heritage Project Students, Presentation of Colors by the Navy JROTC Color Guard, 6th Grade Students from Patterson Elementary School, Native American Blessing, Veterans Pinning Ceremony performed by the Dept. of Defense USA Vietnam War Commemoration, Bagpipes, USA Army Field Band (Six-String Soldiers), and White Dove Release.

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Enjoy fun and entertainment for the whole family.
Informational booths for Veterans - Free Haircuts for Veterans - Military Equipment Wreaths Across America Educational Trailer - Bands - Food Trucks and much, much more!

A Very Special "Thank You" goes out to the following sponsors:

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

VFW Post 7968 and Auxiliary
VFW Post 2699 and Auxiliary

Beauty Institute

Questions? Please contact Nancy Fassender at (520) 280-4755

Michael E. Mahoney Chapter 691 – Surprise, AZ



Chapter 691 Patriots,

It has been great seeing you at our chapter's meetings and activities. It keeps me motivated to see the involvement from our brother Patriots. With 2023 upon us I encourage you to stay engaged with the

chapter and at least check up on fellow Patriots, we haven't heard from some in a while. Keep your spirits, high and only focus on what you can control don't stress about what you can't. We supported a lot of good organizations with our charitable donations so just be ready to hit the fundraising hard this year.

Yours in Patriotism,
Keith Gray
Commander

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Meeting date: 2nd Saturday

Meeting time: 9:00 AM

Meeting location: Sands Chevrolet Surprise Conference Room (16991 W Waddell Rd, Surprise, AZ 85388) Enter parking lot from N Cotton Lane.

Website: <http://691.mophaz.org/>

Facebook: [Chapter 691 Facebook](#)

Note: Meetings will also be via video conference using Zoom. Enter the meeting ID (842 2842 9701) and the password (879117). To join by phone, call 719 359 4580 and enter the id and the password.



Add your story to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. Enroll at url:
<https://www.thepurpleheart.com/enrollment/>

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ARIZONA VETERANS STANDDOWN ALLIANCE
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2023

MARICOPA COUNTY STANDDOWN

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ARIZONA STATE FAIR GROUNDS
1826 W. McDowell Road
Phoenix, AZ 85007

ARIZONASTANDDOWN.ORG



Chapter 2560 – Apache Junction, AZ



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Meeting date: 2nd Saturday of the month.

Meeting time: 10:00 AM

Meeting location: Mesa Beckhorn Elk Lodge #2656 at 6718 E Avalon St, Mesa, AZ 85205

Chapter 2560 and Chapter 472 will host a MOPH booth at the 50th Anniversary Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home celebration in Mesa, AZ from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM March 25th. Come join us.

Free National Park Passes



New life time pass available for Military Veterans

More information is available at the National Parks Service [website](#).

Windows 11 Pro for \$16

Windows 11 Pro for \$16 through a special offer to PH members. Contact Adjutant Larry Leighton at adjutant.mophaz@gmail.com

We wanted to let you know about an offer on Microsoft Windows licenses that Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona may find useful.

For a \$16 admin fee, you can get a **full license for Windows 11 Pro**. This license is for the full version of Microsoft's desktop operating system. It's ideal for computers that have a copy of Windows Home installed. You can also install it on a computer that does not have a licensed installation of a previous Windows operating system. This license also allows you to downgrade from Windows 11 to Windows 10.

Hotel Benefits for PH Members

PH members can receive wholesale hotel rates through the National MOPH website. Go to the [Benefits Page](#) for more information.



WHOLESALE HOTEL RATES
DIRECT ACCESS TO PRIVATE RATES

Private Hotel Booking Rates Never Offered to the Public
600,000 Hotels Worldwide
Every Brand and Independent Hotel
No Blackout Dates Ever
Up to 50% Lower Price Over Expedia, Priceline, Hotels.com
Forget TV Advertising Retail Sites, This is Wholesale!!!
#1 Rated Booking Software
Multi Language and Currency Options
Internet and Mobile Booking
95% of Searches Cheaper than Expedia, Priceline, Hotels.com
Always Check Wholesale Hotel Rates Before You Book Anywhere
Go to: <https://purpleheart.wholesalehotelrates.com/PH/register>
It Takes 1 Minute to Register for a Lifetime of Hotel Savings

Your Membership Courtesy of Purple Heart

State Wide StandDown Schedule

Bullhead City StandDown

Bullhead Chamber of Commerce
1251 Highway 95
Bullhead City, AZ 86429
Friday, February 17, 2023, 10am to 2pm

Parker StandDown

VFW Post 7061
516 South Hopi Ave
Parker, AZ
March 10, 2023, 9am - 3pm

Tucson StandDown

Grand Luxe Hotel
1365 West Grant Rd
Tucson, AZ
March 15, 2023, 9 am - 2pm (StandDown)
March 16, 2023, 10am - 2pm (Career Fair)

Verde Valley StandDown

Clarkdale Auditorium
39 North 9th St

VA Camp Lejeune Information

VA has established a presumptive service connection for Veterans, Reservists, and National Guard members exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune from August 1, 1953 through December 31, 1987 who later developed one of the following eight diseases: Adult leukemia; Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes; Bladder cancer; Kidney cancer; Liver cancer; Multiple myeloma; Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; & Parkinson's disease. Go to the [VA Website](#) for more information.

Signed by the Governor

HB 2062 Vehicle license tax exemption for PH veterans:

On registration of a vehicle, if the veteran submits satisfactory proof to ADOT that the person is a veteran and a bona fide purple heart medal recipient and was honorably discharged vehicle registration tax fee is waived. Can only be used on one vehicle. Specialty plate and personalization fees still apply.



American Dream Ambassador Program

American Dream Ambassador Program gives registered homeowners access to deep discounts to products and services needed to renovate or remodel their home. Registration is a one-time fee of \$50! After payment a \$25 tax-deductable donation will be made to the Department of Arizona, MOPH of the USA, Inc in your name. Get all the details and buy your subscription on our website at [American Dream Program](#).

Great New Partnership for the MOPH

National has announced a partnership between Vapor Elemental Wear, The MOPH Fund, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart! 30% of sales of the MOPH Fund branded items go directly to the MOPH Fund, which is used to directly fund programs in the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Purple Heart recipients can use the code VETS10% to receive a discount of 10%! Go to url: <https://vaporapparel.com/collections/purple-heart-partnership>

Camp Corral

Clarkdale, AZ
Wednesday, March 22, 2023 9am - 2pm

Maricopa County StandDown

Arizona State Fairgrounds
Phoenix, AZ
Friday, April 28, 2023, 7am - 4pm
Provider Sign Up [Form](#) - All service providers must sign up in advance!

Kingman StandDown

Mohave County Fairgrounds
2600 Fairgrounds Blvd
Kingman, AZ 86401
Friday, May 5, 2023 10am - 2pm

Newsletter Information

Please send information & photos that you would like included in the newsletter to mophchapter442@comcast.net. We would like to get the newsletter out the last day of the month. Get me news information & photos by the 15th of each month.

Respectfully,
John R. Moore.
Jr. Vice-Commander

From the Archives

John Stanewich of Phoenix elected state commander in 1949.



John Stanewich, left, incoming commander of the Arizona branch of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, receives the gavel from John A. Durden, retiring commander, at installation ceremonies. Both men are Phoenixians. (Republic Staff Photo).

Applications are open for this summer's Camp Corral for children of wounded, ill, fallen military, and Veterans. Visit link for more info. MOPH supports Camp Corral. <https://www.campcorral.org/camper-application-23/>



The AZ Coalition for Military Families will hold its 13th annual symposium in April.



Go to <https://arizonacoalition.org/symposium/>

From the Archives

William Ellis of Phoenix elected Commander of Valley of the Sun Chapter in 1942.

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