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Commander's Corner



Fellow Patriots,

One month of the new year is already almost over, how time flies. As you can tell the year is off to a fast start. With the new year coming we will face new endeavors;

I am asking all of Arizona's Purple Heart Patriots to reengage with your chapter and help us show why Arizona is the best Department in the order. Please provide your ideas for what you would like to see the department become, events, and fundraising. I want to challenge each member in Arizona to attend at least one chapter meeting and one event this year.

As chapter and department elections approach, those of you with more free time on your hands please consider running for an elected position within your chapter or at the department level. We need your participation to ensure those currently holding a position do not get burnt out. Your involvement is vital to ensure the chapters and department are constantly evolving with fresh ideas.

Our Department Convention will be held at a resort/casino in Northern Arizona in May. More information to follow next month.

I look forward to working with all of you to make this year one for the record books!

The Commander's Call is every month on the Fourth Wednesday. A member of the chapter command group must attend. Open to all members.

Time: 06:30 PM Arizona Time, February 28, 2024

Zoom Meeting ID: 842 2842 9701

Passcode: 879117 or Dial in: 669 900 6833.

Yours in Patriotism,
Keith Gray
Commander

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National MOPH Website: <https://national-moph.uc.r.appspot.com/#>

Calendar

- Feb 3 – Four Chaplain's Day (National)
- Feb 4 – Four Chaplain's Day (Tucson)
- Feb 8/10 – Gold Rush Days (Wickenburg)
- Feb 14 – Valentine's Day
- Feb 19 – President's Day
- Feb 22 – General Washington's Birthday
- Feb 22/23 – Rodeo Days (Tucson)
- Feb 24 – Iwo Jima Ceremony Sacaton, AZ
- Feb 28 – Department Commander's Call

Update Your Contact Information

Keep your snail mail address, phone & email address up to date. Go to the MOPH National website at <https://national-moph.uc.r.appspot.com/#>. You need your membership number to log-in. You can also email us at adjutant.mophaz@gmail.com

Junior Vice-Commander



General Washington & the Purple Heart: In February our chapters will celebrate General Washington's birthday. The Purple Heart is an American decoration-the oldest military decoration in the world in present use

and the first American award made available to the common soldier. It was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by one of the world's most famed and best-loved heroes-General George Washington. His keen appreciation of the importance of the common soldier impelled him to recognize outstanding valor and merit. He wrote his memorable General Orders of August 7, 1782, which established the Badge of Military Merit, the forerunner of today's Purple Heart.



Department Challenge Coins:

Coins are available from the Chapters. They cost \$20 and the Chapters net \$10 for each coin they sell. Get one while supplies last.



John R. Moore
Jr. Vice-Commander

and we can update your snail mail, phone & email address for you.

Department Adjutant



This year's Annual Department Convention will be held in **Flagstaff on May 6th or 13th**. Our host, Chapter 793, will be announcing the final details, including hotel arrangements, soon. Mark your calendars for both

dates right now and plan on joining us. We need your help planning on the 2024-2025 year for the Department.

The **National Convention** will be held in **Orlando, FL this year from July 15-18th**. Hotel information is available on the National website and you don't even have to log in first (<https://www.purpleheart.org/NationalConvention>).

The Department of Florida is planning another fun event for all. The Auxiliary is helping to build the excitement by having a Bahamas cruise the week prior. Get the details and signup at <https://www.purpleheartauxiliary.org/cruise>.



Remember to keep your profile in the National database up to date. It only takes a couple of minutes to put in a change to your email, phone number, or home address. If you have or are planning to move around here in Arizona or out of State, use the Find A Chapter function on the National Website to find the local chapter nearest your new home. We'll be sorry to see you go but they will be happy to see you come!

Closer to home, the **79th Anniversary of raising the Flag at Iwo Jima** will be held at Sacaton on **Feb 24th**. Sacaton is on the Gila River Indian



Fort Lowell Chapter 442 – Tucson, AZ



Fellow Patriots:

The chapter hosts bingo each month for the patients at the Tucson VA Hospital. The next Bingo session will be held on February 24th. Come join us in hosting Bingo.



In January, we provided \$250 of food for homeless veterans housed at the Esperanza En Escalante Project.

In January the chapter presented a donation check to the ONC/HEM wing of the Tucson VA hospital for \$8,982.50.

Three Quilts of Valor were presented at the January meeting.

We will not hold a chapter meeting in February. On February 19th we will hold our annual Washington's Birthday Social to celebrate General Washington's birthday. Our next formal meeting will be on March 18th.

Patriot Johnny Thompson has serious health issues and will need chemotherapy. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Yours in Patriotism,

Reservation which is a Purple Heart entity. The Department will have a display and information booth at the event. See the flyer for the event in the Chapter 793 section. Hope you can make this event.



Don't forget to let us know what's happening with you and in/around your community. We'd like to see your shinny face and hear your story in the newsletter and The Purple Heart Magazine (publications@purpleheart.org).

Larry Leighton,
Department Adjutant

Michael E. Mahoney Chapter 691 – Surprise, AZ



I hope everyone is still enjoying their holiday season and looking forward to a SAFE, Happy, and Healthful New Year! While you are "running" through this year, don't forget to take time out for your family

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Meeting date: 3rd Monday (no meetings February, 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 I10 & Cortaro Farms Rd. Go east on Cortaro Farms Rd to N. Sandy Desert Trail.

Fort Lowell Chapter 442 presented the HEM/ONC wing of the Tucson VA Hospital with a donation check for \$8,982.50. We assisted with the Charlie Skuhr Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament is held in memory of Purple Heart recipient Charles Skuhr. **Junior Vice-Cdr John Grand** and **Teresa Skuhr Joiner** presented the check to the HEM/ONC Staff.



The annual **Tucson 4 Chaplains Ceremony** will be held on 4 February at 1:00 PM at the **Kino Veterans Memorial** on Ajo Way. Chapter 442 will place a wreath to honor the Four Chaplains and make remarks on the significance of the Purple Heart award.

and yourself. Remember, “burning the candle at both ends” cuts the life of the candle in half!



It looks like 2024 is already on a fast track to be over. I don't know where this first month has gone but it seems my “To Do” list has gotten longer than even I expected.

In case you missed my email last week, our February meeting has been “cancelled” in favor of a three-day fundraising event at the **Wickenburg Gold Rush**

Days and Senior Pro Rodeo Feb 8-10. We need

volunteers to help sell raffle tickets and Purple Heart Coins and take



donations while we tell folks who we are. If you haven't already signed up, give our **Senior Vice Commander Jim Starkman** (email: jimstark49@gmail.com) a call at 708-638-2321 and let him know when you can spend a couple of hours with us at Wickenburg.

We resume regular meetings on March 9th and hold Chapter Officer Elections. Don't be bashful, while we have had great officers, we can always use “new blood” and innovative ideas. No one has to do it alone, we are all here to help each other and as National Chaplain Connor is so fond of saying, “We'll Git'er Done.”

Remember our George Washington Luncheon is February 17th. Details were in the last newsletter and although the “official deadline” for reservations may have passed when you read this, **Patriot Bob Metzger** can still work his magic if you call soon (602-228-6520) – don't wait too long!

Remember your Sweetheart on Valentine's day.

If you haven't talked to another Vet from your past lately, pick up the phone and make his or her day! If you just want to talk to someone, you can always call me – I'm a good listener (623-776-5443).



The **Tucson Veteran Stand-Down** will be held on **March 13 and 14**. The location is new this year and will be the Ramada Inn at 777 Cushing Ave.



Veteran Stand Down March 13
from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
and Career Fair March 14
from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 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
- 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
623-687-5552 or tucsonvetservingvets@gmail.com

NO ALCOHOL • NO DRUGS • NO WEAPONS



The **Northwest Tucson Quilts for Valor** group presented 3 veterans with Quilts for Valor. Presented Quilts were **Patriot Walter Ram**, 100 yrs. old - Army Air Corps WWII POW; **Veteran John Reitz**, 99 yrs. old - 66th Infantry Division WWII; and **Patriot Fred Lohman**, Vietnam - 1st Cavalry Division. Nationwide Quilts of Valor has presented over 300,000 quilts to veterans who have served in combat. All quilts are different but have a red, white, & blue theme. Congratulations to the recipients.

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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.

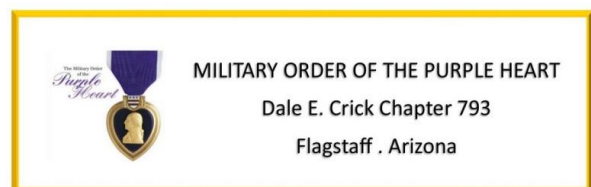
Website: <http://691.mophaz.org/>

Facebook: [Chapter 691 Facebook](#)

Note: Meetings will also be via Zoom. Enter the meeting ID (842 2842 9701) and the password (879117). By phone, call 719 359 4580 and enter the id/password.

Yours in Patriotism,
Larry Leighton Commander

Dale E. Crick Chapter 793 – Flagstaff, AZ



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Next Meeting – Contact Chapter

Meeting time: 12:30PM

Meeting location: VFW Post 1709

409 W Santa Fe Ave, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Meeting date: Bi-monthly on 4th Wednesday.

Patriot Walter Ram (100 yrs. old)



Veteran John Reitz (99 yrs. old)



Patriot Fred Lohman (the youngster)



MOPH 793 participates in patriotic and welfare activities throughout Northern Arizona. You Are Always Welcome to Join Us!

Roger Ely
Commander

Chapter 793 supports the Northern Arizona Stand Downs in several Northern Arizona communities.



NORTHERN ARIZONA VETERAN STAND DOWNS

John Davison, Community Liaison

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- 3rd Annual "Verde Valley Stand Down" in Sedona AZ (venue and exact date March 2024 TBA).
- 12th Annual "High Country Stand Down" in Flagstaff AZ May 15th, 2024. Flagstaff Armory
- 2nd Annual "Twin Arrows Stand Down" in Twin Arrows AZ (exact date in June 2024 TBA)
- 5th Annual "Williams Stand Down" In Williams AZ September 13th, 2024 at the Williams Recreation Center.
- 2nd Annual "Verde Valley Veteran's Resource Event" in Cottonwood AZ (venue and exact date October 2024 TBA).

Chapter 793 will participate in the 79th Anniversary of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony in Sacaton, AZ on Feb 24th. Chapter and Department members are invited to attend and ride in the Purple Heart truck in the parade. The parade starts at 8:30 AM in Sacaton with a ceremony to follow at Ira Hayes Memorial Park. See the flyer earlier in the newsletter for details.

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Meeting date: 2nd Saturday of the month.
Meeting time: 10:00 AM
Meeting location: Mesa Buckhorn Elk Lodge #2656 at 6718 E Avalon St, Mesa, AZ 85205

Department Purple Heart Brick Program

Order a 4"x8" Purple Heart Brick to be Placed at Wesley Bolin Plaza at the state capitol to commemorate being a Purple Heart recipient or to 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](#)



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

The Purple Heart Hall of Honor



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

The Purple Heart Fund

The MOPH Fund, Inc., (“the Fund”) a 501.c.3 non-profit public charity, is separate and not subordinate to the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The Fund Inc. is the official fundraising arm of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (the Order). Our sole purpose is to raise funds for programs executed by the Military Order of the Purple Heart.



We in the Fund hope the Order’s members and associate members will embrace the Fund’s programs to raise funds for CHAPTER and National Headquarters programs.

The Million Veteran Program

Join the Million Veteran Program is on a mission to redefine the future of healthcare, and we need YOU to be a part of this monumental journey. MVP is assembling a community of over 1,000,000 Veterans to uncover how genes, lifestyles, military experiences, and exposures impact our health and wellness. Help revolutionize medicine and enhance the lives of Veterans worldwide. Join here:

<https://www.mvp.va.gov/pwa/>

Arizona Veterans Survey

2023 Arizona Veteran Survey gives Arizona's military and veteran community a voice.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The survey is open to all:

Service Members

Veterans

Family Members

Providers

Community Supporters

Participants must be ages 18 and older

TIME

The survey is open from September 30, 2023 – February 29, 2024. The survey will likely take you 20 minutes. Once you start, you must complete the survey in one sitting. It is very important to finish the survey if you can.

IMPORTANT: Only use the Next and Prev buttons at the bottom of the page to move through the survey, not the forward and back arrows in your browser. There are only a few required questions throughout the survey, all other questions are optional, and your responses are anonymous. If you have questions, please contact the survey team at:

survey@arizonacoalition.org

CONNECT TO SUPPORT

It is possible that some of the questions may be triggers for some people. If you need support at any time, you can call the National Veterans Crisis Line at 988 (Option 1) or if you need connection to resources, contact Arizona's Be Connected Support Line at 1-866-4AZ-VETS (429-8387).

The Arizona Veteran Survey is a project of Arizona State University College of Health Solutions and Arizona Coalition for Military



To learn about the specific Fund's fundraising projects currently available, simply click on the logo above or scan the QR Code.



If you have any questions about the Fund or the Fund's fundraising projects, please contact me.

Larry Leighton
Treasurer, MOPH Fund, Inc.

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844-MOPHFUND (667-4386)

Purple Heart License Plates

HB 2062 Vehicle license tax exemption for PH veterans:

Many of our members are still not aware of this benefit.

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.



Private School Tax Credit

Patriot Joe Kobes' son Hudson is a sophomore at Brophy College Preparatory High School in Phoenix. If you are so inclined to support this program and could use another tax break on your AZ taxes, you can contribute on Hudson's website for the tax donations:

<https://action.ibescholarships.org/SIXD8Q>.

If you know of any other student with a relationship to the **Arizona Military Order of the Purple Heart**, We will gladly distribute the same information for them. For any private school Arizonans can allocate a tax credit to a student at a private school, and it will cost them nothing. It's a terrific program in Arizona. This is the IRS tax code covering it. <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits/credits-contributions-certified-school-tuition-organizations>

Families, on behalf of our public and private sector partners. For full details on the purpose of the survey, how the information will be used, and to take the survey please visit:

www.ConnectVeterans.org/survey

Pet of the Month

This is Cannon. He's a German Shepherd/Chow mix and he turns 7 next week. He belongs to **Patriot Cody Phipps**.



Whitehouse VA Hotline

The Whitehouse VA Hotline and MyVA411 have merged. **1-800-MyVA411 (698-2411)** is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to serve veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.

Purple Heart Scholarships



Applications for the scholarship program are due every July. Information is available on the Purple Heart Scholarship Program at this [link](#).

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 use our online portal to make your donation.

Funds designated for a chapter will go in their entirety to the chapter. **Use the “Add/Write NOTE” field to specify the purpose of your donation.** Thank you in advance for supporting Veterans! **Donate Online:** [Donations Appreciated](#)

Bills in Congress

S. 3452, the Fred Hamilton Veterans’ Lost Records Act, would ensure veterans whose military records are lost by the U.S. government through no fault of their own can still receive their earned Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits. After a 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis destroyed the records of nearly 16 million veterans, VA established a regulatory process for those affected that allowed

Ride of the Month

For Mopar lovers this is **Patriot Jimi Sallmen's** new toy. It is this 1967 Dodge Coronet 440 Hardtop. It is painted copper with a black roof and black accents.



Recipe of the Month



4 Layer Dessert is this month's recipe from **Associate Member Laura Moore.**

Crust

- 1 cup flour
- 1 stick margarine
- ½ cup chopped nuts.
- 2 teaspoon sugar

Cheese Filling

- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar.
- 1 cup Cool Whip

Chocolate Filling

veterans whose records were lost to use the next closest medical record or a buddy statement to meet the burden of proof required for VA health care and benefits. S. 3452 would expand that process to all veterans whose records were lost by the VA or the Department of Defense.

Urge your senator to support S. 3452.

H.R. 6362, the Protecting Benefits for Disabled Veterans Act, would provide additional protections for Total Disability Based on Individual Unemployability (TDIU) and prohibit the VA from considering the age of the veteran or their eligibility to any retirement benefit, including Social Security, in making such determinations. Generally, the veteran must have a single disability rated at 60% or a combined evaluation of 70% to be eligible for TDIU. In recent years, reducing or limiting TDIU has been the focus of many Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reports as a deficit reduction measure. In December 2018, it was suggested to terminate and cutoff TDIU benefits at the age of 65, and in reports in December 2020 and December 2022, CBO recommended to restrict TDIU once a veteran reaches the age of 67. H.R. 6362 would ensure the availability of TDIU for all veterans regardless of age or receipt of any other earned federal benefits.

Urge your representative to support H.R. 6362.

H.R. 1815/S. 495, the Expanding Veterans' Options for Long Term Care Act, would require the VA to implement a three-year pilot program to provide assisted living services in no fewer than six geographically diverse areas. Veterans who would be eligible to participate are those who are already receiving nursing home level care paid for by the VA, are eligible for such care from the VA, or exceed the requirements for domiciliary care paid for by the VA but do not meet the requirements for nursing home level care paid for by the VA. Currently, the VA provides home-based primary care, services provided by a qualified care specialist in the veteran's own home. The VA also provides 24-hour care and supervision by skilled nurses and nursing aides at community living centers (CLC) for veterans who can't be cared for at home. However, more support and services are needed for veterans whose required level of care falls between intermittent home-based supportive services and an extended care skilled nursing facility.

- 2 4 ½ oz packages instant chocolate pudding
- 3 cups Milk

Topping

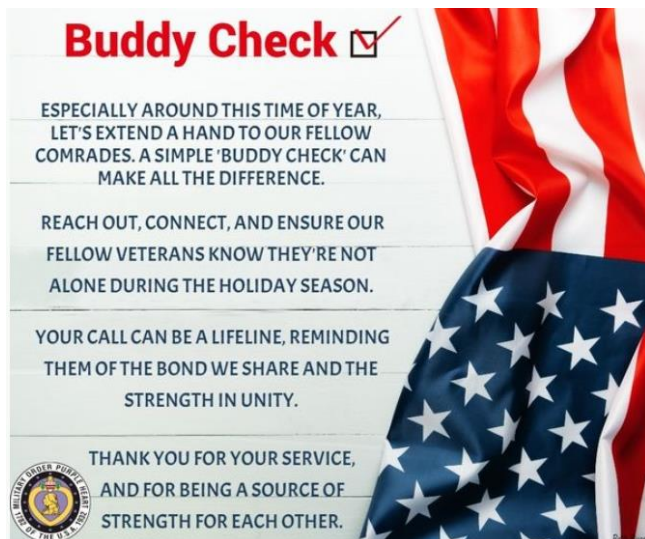
- Cool Whip
- Butterfinger candy bar crushed.

Directions:

1. Mix ingredients for crust. Press into 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350-degree oven 10 – 15 minutes. Cool.
2. Blend cream cheese, powdered sugar, and cool whip. Pour over the crust.
3. Beat chocolate pudding and pour over cream cheese mixture.
4. Top with Cool Whip and sprinkle crushed butter finger over the top.
5. Best made the day prior to serving.

Buddy Checks!

Let's not forget to check on our buddies, friends, and family. This year a simple 'How are you?' can make all the difference. Let's spread warmth and care and remind people, they are not alone!



Camp Corral

MOPH supports Camp Corral. Camp Corral has announced the 2024 Summer Camp dates. The Arizona camp is 9 to 14 June at The Triangle Y

This bill will require the VA to recommend whether the model studied in the pilot program should be continued or adopted throughout the department.

Urge your representative to co-sponsor and support this important legislation.

S. 3341, the Advancing VA's Emergency Response to (AVERT) Crises Act of 2023, would improve VA's response to natural disasters, pandemics, and other emergencies to ensure continuity of VA medical care for veterans, and ensure that the department is better prepared to activate its mission authority in responding to national emergencies. It would require VA to implement fully operational emergency communications systems throughout VA medical facilities and improve VA's emergency cache program of stored reserves at facilities containing drugs and medical supplies to be used during an emergency. One of the VA's missions is to improve the nation's preparedness for response to war, terrorism, national emergencies, and natural disasters by developing plans and taking actions to ensure continued service to veterans, as well as to support national, state, and local emergency management, public health, safety, and homeland security efforts. This is in addition to the VA's first and primary mission of providing care to ill and injured veterans, the VA is also expected to fulfill three other health care missions: educating and training our nation's health care professionals, conducting medical and prosthetic research, and serving the nation in times of national emergency.

Urge your senator to support S. 3341.

H.R. 6331/S. 2465, the Delivering Optimally Urgent Labor Access (DOULA) for Veterans Affairs Act of 2023: This bill would establish a pilot program within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide pregnant and post-partum women veterans access to doula services to foster better child and maternal health outcomes. Pregnancy, labor and delivery, and the early days of motherhood, can be difficult, but for women veterans, they can be further complicated by physical and mental health conditions related to military service. Doulas act as advocates before, during, and after pregnancy, helping expectant and new mothers navigate their birth experience and empowering them to self-advocate for their care, which can be especially important when health care needs are profound or veterans do not have strong,

Camp in Oracle, AZ. Help send the child of a veteran or military member who needs camp.

Applications to attend camp opened on January 17th. Go to www.campcorral.org for more info.

A promotional graphic for Camp Corral. On the left, a dark blue vertical banner contains white and yellow text: "2024 Summer Camp DATES & LOCATIONS", "Find out how we're more than a camp.", "Applications for 2024 Summer Camp open January 17, 2024! Keep this card as a handy reminder OR pass it along to a military-connected family who would benefit from Camp Corral's programs.", "APPLICATION DATE January 17, 2024", a "CAMP CORRAL" logo with a star, "Strengthening America's military families one child at a time...", "Find more information at www.campcorral.org", and "Combined Federal Campaign #84788". To the right of the banner is a photograph of three children jumping into a lake. Below the photo is a map of the United States with red dots indicating camp locations in various states.

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 on the last day of the month. Get news information & photos to us by the 15th of each month.

John R. Moore
Jr. Vice-Commander

established support networks. This legislation would enhance support services for pregnant women veterans by providing access to doula care within pilot facilities, which is vital as the demand for maternity care services continues to trend upward within VA due to the growing population. By establishing Doula Service Coordinators, this legislation would also help aid in the effort to coordinate care between VA and community providers.

Urge your representative and senators to support H.R. 6331/S. 2465.

S. 3526, the Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act, would require each VA medical center to create a lactation station for veterans who are nursing. The number of women veterans using VA health care continues to grow. Facilities should include private, convenient and hygienic lactation stations that women can easily and safely access while they are obtaining the health care they have earned.

Urge your senator to support this legislation.

