



The Brave & the Bold

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Dear Patriot Member,

I am honored to be the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Department of Texas' State Commander (2018-2019). This year, the Department and Texas Chapters will strive to build more awareness about Texas' Purple Heart veterans, our service, our sacrifice, and our amazing contributions to the State of Texas.

Did you know - Texas has the largest population of Purple Heart recipients in the USA? Due the geographic size of Texas, we don't always see each other, and for that reason, many are not aware of our organization's good works in our communities.

This year, Department of Texas' motto is, "The Brave & the Bold", and I promise, I will be reaching out to you more often – asking for your assistance. As you have shown with your great efforts during Hurricane Harvey, "Come Hell or High Water", we few, we happy few, can do much, when we pull together as a unit, in lock step, we can move mountains!! I am proud of you, honored to be selected to move our organization forward this year, and I know, I can count on you to assist.

### The Department of Texas Military Order of the Purple Heart News

#### Website is live!

Members Only area is up – and the password – all lower case is – valor.

Department of Texas Website is up and working, please check it out at [www.moph.tx.com](http://www.moph.tx.com)

Department of Texas is on Facebook. Look for us at: <https://www.facebook.com/moph.texas/>

#### Upcoming Events – Save the Dates / Come See Us!

*Aug 7, 2018* – National Purple Heart Day - Meeting with the Governor of the State of Texas - Greg Abbott in Austin, TX – more details coming soon!

*Aug 31, 2018* - Texas Rangers Baseball Game in Arlington TX - 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Details on website (moph.tx.com) – Only 40 tickets are available – 2 tickets per patriot!!

*Oct 19-20, 2018* - Mid-Winter –location / logistics information about reservations coming soon!

*May 2-5, 2019* - Annual State Convention, Elections – location / logistics information about reservations coming soon!

#### Monument for Texas Purple Heart Recipients – San Antonio, TX

The Department of Texas is actively seeking charitable donations and raising funds for the construction of a monument for all Texans who have received a Purple Heart in combat or died in the line of duty, while defending freedom in all wars and conflicts. Your donation will go toward the completion of this monument to be built in San Antonio, TX



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Feelin' Lucky? "Pick Three" Raffle for 2019 – Tickets Are On Sale Now!

The Department of Texas Military Order of the Purple Heart - 52 week raffle for 2019 has tickets on sale now!!! Every week, the ticket that has the same numbers as the Friday Evening Pick 3 Lottery numbers – will win. 52 weeks, one ticket is just \$50.00. For less than \$1.00 per week, you have 52 chances to win. Hurry to the website for tickets, or local chapters have tickets. There is a limited number of tickets, and the tickets go fast!!

Texas Purple Heart Recipients - We need you!

Our Chapters are active and are engaging in community outreach with increased activity with the Purple Heart Trails program – Purple Heart City, Counties etc. We will increase visibility with JROTC / ROTC programs, Purple Heart Riders, Parades, and much more! Check in with your local chapter!!!

Department of Texas has established a "Next Generation Task Force" – assembling a team of "under 50" old patriot members to define what the Texas chapters can do to recruit, retain, and engage the next generation of Military Order of Purple Heart leaders. If interested in this, contact me directly!

Recruiting - Dept of Texas has a goal of recruiting 120 new members for 2018-2019. If you know of any Purple Heart Recipient in Texas – please - ask them to join! Send them to the local chapter, or to me directly and I will get them assigned the nearest Chapter.

This year, Department and the 24 Texas Chapters, have exciting initiatives and your individual participation and assistance are crucial! I am interested in what you have to say, and your ideas to better our organization in 2018-2019. Your input is valued, and my contact information is as follows – reach out if you have a mind to. Best wishes to you and your families. May God Bless Texas!!

Very Respectfully,

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