FEBRUARY

Patriots, Ladies, Friends of Chapter 1919, and your guests — you are all cordially invited to join us in celebrating the occasion of his 276th Birthday in our annual…

GEORGE WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY DINNER PARTY

FRIDAY, FEB 22nd, Starting at 6PM, in

THE “AUSTIN CLUB”
110 East 9th Street

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: By Noon, February 19th See Reservation Sign-Up form on Page 11

Directions: 9th Street is One-Way, eastbound, and the “Austin Club” is in the middle of the block between Congress Avenue and Brazos, on the left (North) side of 9th street. Immediately past the club entrance, you have easy access to…..

FREE GARAGE PARKING
NEXT DOOR (EAST) OF THE AUSTIN CLUB. BRING YOUR TICKET INSIDE TO BE STAMPED AT THE DESK.

...This Month’s Feature...

RALPH D. ERICKSON

PATRIOT ERICKSON, AN 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION PARATROOPER DURING WWII, PASSED AWAY IN MAY 2006. HIS DAUGHTER, KARINA, A FRESHMAN AT LAGO VISTA HIGH SCHOOL, WROTE AN ESSAY IN MEMORY OF HER FATHER WHICH SHE WAS SELECTED TO PRESENT TO THE ENTIRE SCHOOL IN THEIR VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER 2007. HER TRIBUTE TO HER FATHER BEGINS PG 8.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

2007 is history and we must look forward to the New Year 2008 and see what our chapter patriots and chapter activities will accomplish. We must strive to achieve the chapter goals, and these are to help our needy veterans and support our veterans who are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan. There are many ways we as a chapter and as individuals can help our needy veterans, our communities and our young veterans coming home.

Friday evening, February 22nd, is the George Washington's event at the “Austin Club.” The celebration of Washington's Birthday is an annual event the chapter has had for years. This is a coat and tie event for patriots and a “dress up” for the ladies. This is where you can take your wife, or girlfriend, out to dinner and enjoy the evening in the company of fellow patriots and guests. Our guests will include National Commander, Henry Cook III, his wife, Nancy, and several other MOPH luminaries. During the evening, we will announce the Patriot of the Year, the Volunteer of the Year, and will recognize several other patriots for outstanding contributions to the chapter during this past year. So, I hope everyone who can do so will send in those reservation forms (see page 11) to Fred Rey, Finance Officer. We need those reservations by Tuesday, February 19th.

For those who didn't attend the January G.I. Breakfast meeting in the Camp Mabry Cafeteria, you missed a great breakfast of bacon and eggs with SOS on toast, coffee and orange juice. Our special guest was Karina Erickson, the daughter of one of our patriots (Ralph Erickson-deceased) who presented her essay about her father's experiences on being an American, a soldier, an educator, a husband and a father. Her essay was quite moving. The meeting went well and we had over 40 attend. It was especially gratifying to me to see so many of our past chapter commanders and past unit presidents in attendance, namely past commanders, Bob Lichtenberger, Ernie Banasau, and Frank Cortez, and past unit president, Jennyne Bilsky. Bob and Ernie both presented brief reports on current initiatives that they are pursuing. After the meeting, door prizes of shirts, patriotic pillows, car magnets, baseball caps and Miki D gift cards were drawn and handed out to the winners. If you are not coming to meetings, you are missing out on some great prizes.

I personally want to see more patriots come to our meetings. As I said in the last month’s newsletter, if you need assistance, or a ride, to get to our meetings, please let me know, so arrangements can be made for your transportation. We are here to help and assist.

Patriot Rufus Dye, our Welfare Officer and Purple Santa Coordinator is stepping down after many years of service. Patriot Dye has been the backbone of the “Purple Santa Program” and he will be missed. That program has a lot of parts; assistance for needy veterans and their families, support for “Safe Place,” the children’s Christmas party, the Outback Purple Santa Benefit Luncheon, and corporate fundraising. Patriot Federico Rey will take over most of the duties; but, his plate is already full and he can’t do all that in addition. Patriot Dye said he will continue to assist and support as needed. But, if, someone out there has the energy and is willing to help Patriot Rey by taking on part of this important work, please contact me.

Yours In Patriotism,

RAYMOND DIAZ
Commander, Chapter 1919
Our next big event is the George Washington’s Birthday Dinner Party. This will be held on Friday, February 22nd, starting at 6 PM, at the “Austin Club.” This is our most gala event of the year, at one of the finest private clubs in downtown Austin. I hope everyone has turned in their reservation form and check to Finance Officer, Fred Rey. The award for “Auxiliary Member of the Year” will be announced on this evening. Come and see who this year’s deserving Lady will be.

I attended the Department of Texas Mid-Winter Conference in Killeen on Saturday, January 12th. We will need items to put in baskets to help the LAMOPH Department of Texas raise money. If you have gifts from past birthdays or Christmases that you would like to “re-gift,” we will be happy to have them for use in this project.

The Chapter / Unit first meeting of the new year was held on January 19, 2008, in Building 8 on Camp Mabry. The meeting started off with everyone lining up for a “G.I. Breakfast.” This was very well received by all in attendance. I gave the ladies information about the Department of Texas’ upcoming fundraisers for convention: Grab Bags; Costume Jewelry; Texas LAMOPH Re-sale Boutique. We will discuss this in greater detail at our next meeting in March. Hope to see you all there!!

Peace and Grace,

Betty,
President Unit 1919
NEW MEMBERS

Three members have been added to the rolls of Chapter 1919 since publication of the last issue of PATRIOT BULLETIN. Congratulations and a warm welcome to each:

MELVIN D. GREEN is a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran. He was wounded in 1970 while serving in Company H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division.

JOHN W. TEMPLER is an Iraq wounded Army MP. He was serving in the 64th Military Police Company when wounded September 25, 2007, just four months ago.

DOMINGO VASQUEZ, JR. is an Army Vietnam veteran, recently moved to Austin from San Antonio and he joins Chapter 1919 by transfer from Alamo Chapter 1836.

WHY WE CELEBRATE GEORGE WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY

...Better We Should Ask, Why Doesn’t Everybody Else Do So Too?.......

Public Law 85-761, enacted by the Congress of the United States, August 26, 1958, which created the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc., states in part...Section 3 (b) “The objects of the Corporation are educational, fraternal, historical, and patriotic, perpetuating the principles of liberty and justice which have created the United States of America, by: ... (7) & (8) keeping alive the achievements and memory of our country’s founders; and ever cherishing the memory of General George Washington who founded the Purple Heart at his headquarters at Newburgh-on-the-Hudson, on August 7, 1782…”

There, we do it because we are supposed to. But, more than that, we do it because our very first chapter patriots, our charter members, determined that we should do so and do it in a big way, by celebrating with a dinner party that would be our biggest and proudest social event of the year; and, so it has been celebrated every year since we were chartered in 1995.

LADIES ! Tell your husband that he’s taking you to our George Washington’s Birthday Dinner Party, or else. You’re really doing it for him. Don’t take no for an answer! After all, it’s his Purple Heart chapter that is the premier veterans organization in Austin, so why shouldn’t you get all dressed up and have him take you out to one of the finest private clubs downtown — we only do it once a year, is that too much to ask? And why shouldn’t you be bringing your mom and your sisters and their husbands along too, just so they can see for themselves how us Purple Heart veterans render military honors with elegance and style. Just to make sure he doesn’t mess it up, why not fill out the reservation form on page 11 and send it in for him (and don’t forget the check).
Something new has been added to the website at National Headquarters. It is the first draft of a MOPH Procedures Manual, containing guidance on Region, Department, and Chapter operations and information on a myriad of membership related subjects. You can find it near the upper right corner of the MOPH homepage www.purpleheart.org.

Notice in the national membership stats, in the center column inset, where for the first time are shown the national numbers ranked by “activity” last month. Activity being the total of new members signing up, plus the conversions from Annual to Life. Since Texas increased 23 in total strength this past month, that means there must have been 57 conversions (so activity = 80), state wide, in January and that continues to show a healthy inclination of our Annuals to convert to Life several months after beginning the special offer of Life Membership for $50.

There are three ways to convert to Life member for only $50. It can be done by phone, just call toll free 888-668-1656 and tell them what you want to do. You can do it by computer, just go to MOPH’s website: www.purpleheart.org, and click on the link to “$50 Life Membership Promotion,” and do what that says. Or, you can mail a $50 check payable to MOPH, to Military Order of the Purple Heart, 5413-B Backlick Rd, Springfield, VA 22151, together with your note identifying yourself and telling them what it is for. Life membership cost me $125 when I signed up and I wish they had made that $50 offer back then. I heartily recommend to all our remaining Annuals that they take advantage of this offer before the window of opportunity closes June 30th.

At the “G.I. Breakfast,” Bob Lichtenberger, our Past Chapter, Department, Region and National Commander, who has lately been closely monitoring Texas legislative actions, reported about the on-going development of the enabling legislation that will implement the results of the recent statewide vote. Specifically, for the proposition which passed with an overwhelming majority, to provide exemption of 100 percent disabled veterans from property tax; that enabling legislation is nearing completion.

Here is some advance information looking forward to the meeting on March 19th. The featured speaker will be our Chapter Service Officer, Tony Moore, who will speak on Veterans Benefits and will place emphasis on benefits for the veteran’s surviving spouse. This should be a very informative session for all our Auxiliary Ladies, but you don’t have to be a member of LAMOPH to come and hear it. All the patriots wives are cordially invited to come also. Tony has many years of Service Officer experience and has much information to impart to us.

In the “New Members” article of the facing page, notice that one of our three patriot gains this month was by Transfer Request from an active member elsewhere who has recently moved to Austin. We are always pleased to extend Chapter 1919’s welcome to any patriot that is new to our local area, and that open door policy swings both ways. If you are a distant member of Chapter 1919, now living near an existing chapter, and would like to become an active member of that local chapter where you live, call me and let’s discuss, I have the information on all the other Texas chapters and the necessary forms.

—Milt Carr, Adjutant, (512) 343-7940
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS NEWS

...For Every MOPH Chapter & LAMOPH Unit...

FOR MOPH CHAPTERS:
The Department Mid-Winter Conference was well attended; we had a lot of information passed out. The Service Officers Training had a light turn out. I hope to see better attendance in the June meeting.

Commanders and Patriots, I would like to start by talking about the protocol for MOPH meetings. We have been lax in observing some time-honored traditions in our meetings, I tried to put some tradition back in at the Mid-Winter Conference, but I failed to use all of the rules clearly stated in the by-laws. The MOPH stands out above all the other Veterans Organizations because we are an elite group. You cannot join without the Purple Heart Medal. Chapter meetings should practice all our rituals of the MOPH. Elaine and I have gone to many Chapters in the state. I would like to commend Chapter 1849 in Fort Worth for following the by-laws, to the letter. Chapter 1836 San Antonio also is to be commended.

Commander Faulkner pointed out the prayer comes before the Pledge of Allegiance, his chapter is the first the prayer comes before the Pledge. Commander Faulkner also is to be commended.

Chapter Commanders in the MOPH need to push membership drives, because nationwide, we will lose 65% of our members in the next 15 years, so we have very little time to fill our ranks. I want to make clear to those Chapter Commanders who did not attend the Mid-Winter Conference; chapters can no longer keep 15% of the funds you receive from department, as in the past. All checks in the future will be special grants. The 15% will stay with Department of Texas because that is the only money with which we operate.

The Department Convention will be the first weekend in June, please, Commanders put aside some money, not just for the Commander, but for the Service Officer to come for the training the day before the convention. We need Service Officers that can help veterans, not just names to fill the election report.

—Federico Rey, Dept Commander

FOR AUXILIARY UNITS:
Fred and I would like to thank Commander John Footman and President Grace Martinez of Chapter Unit 1876 for the wonderful job they did in hosting the Mid-Winter Conference held in Killeen.

We had sort of a round table discussion before the meeting and I found out that Units are not using or filling out a warrant in order to have the check drawn. The warrant should be signed by the President and Secretary of the Unit. In the same discussion, I discovered that the Units are paying sales tax for their purchases. You should not be paying sales tax. You should have a tax ID number with the state Controllers office. You may also be able to use the Chapter’s tax ID. Speak with your Chapter Commander. I will be sending you a copy of a warrant that you might want to use or you can format your own for your Unit.

We have just gotten the information for the Department Convention. It will be held in Houston at the Omni Hotel and I will be sending you the information by email. Please plan on attending this meeting, or send someone from your Unit. The dates for the Convention are June 5th thru the 7th. We will have an Executive Committee meeting at 2:00PM and the Department Finance Books will be audited right after the meeting. I will need a written report from each Unit on activities from June 2007 to May 2008. Hope to see you at the convention.

As I visit the Units I am proud to see what you are doing as Units. I have seen baby showers for a soldier’s wife whose husband is in Iraq, all kinds of clothing being given to a nursing home, fruit baskets being given to patriots and ladies that no longer can be active, ladies running their own coffee cart at a clinic, and a cookbook that is being sold by the unit to raise funds to help veterans. I am happy to report that all the units are working with their chapters for the good of the order.

Remember to always carry a membership card with you and please get a phone number from any new prospective member so your Unit’s President may follow up with a call.

God Bless,
Elaine Rey, Department President

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...It was the University of California Vs. Air Force Academy in the 5th Annual...

**BELL HELICOPTER ARMED FORCES BOWL**

...December 31st in Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth...

Chapter 1919 had teamed up earlier with the Texas Veterans Commission, the “Wounded Warriors” organization, and Brooke Army Medical Center and on New Year’s Eve two bus loads of veterans, mostly wounded soldiers, patients at BAMC, and family members were sent up to Fort Worth where they were honored guests at the Armed Forces Bowl, where they saw the Air Force Academy play the University of California.

Two buses with 45 of them stopped to have breakfast in Austin on their way to the game and were met by Chapter 1919 (Jim Deeter in this photo) and Department of Texas Patriots and representatives of several other local veterans organizations. Chapter 1919’s contribution was the providing of the funds for the bus transportation for the wounded soldiers from BAMC.

When it was over, the score was: California “Golden Bears” 42 and Air Force “Fighting Falcons” 36.
In 1922, RALPH D. ERICKSON was born to parents of Swedish heritage in Benesford, South Dakota. At the age of nine, in order to survive the great Depression, his family moved to Sweden for a year and upon returning decided to start over in Chicago, Illinois, where his mother had been offered a nursing position. Erickson was very proud of his heritage, spoke fluent Swedish, and he grew up to be a big six-foot-one, blond-headed athlete.

Erickson was on a swimming scholarship at the University of Southern California when the United States entered World War II. He immediately attempted to enlist in various branches of the military, but his vision was less than 20/20 and initially they would not accept him. Several months later, when the Army offered the Specialized Training Program, he enlisted on December 2, 1942 for training as a ski trooper. He had skied as a little boy and enjoyed the woods and mountains. On April 10, 1943 he reported in for active duty and was sent to Camp Hale, Colorado, home of the Army Mountain Training Center and the 10th Mountain Division.

During Basic Training, he was recognized for his abilities and appointed acting squad leader. Erickson wrote, “Immediately after basic training, we acting squad leaders and several others were detached and sent to NCO School, run by a West Point Captain. For months we lived in the mountains, attacked 11,000-foot mountain peaks at three in the morning, and learned all phases of being a Non Com. It was the most important military training that I received in the Army. In no way am I trying to denigrate the airborne training which was just as significant, but in a totally different manner.”

After completing training at Camp Hale, Sergeant Erickson shipped out for Europe in May 1944 and arrived on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was sent, upon request, to the 82nd Airborne Division and further assigned to the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, the “Devils in Baggy Pants.” Thirty-four days after D-Day he arrived as a replacement in Second Platoon, Company E. He later said, “I don’t believe anyone, NCOs or Officers, were too happy to have a green Non Com arrive in the platoon.”

On September 17, 1944, Ralph Erickson made his first combat jump into Holland as Operation Market Garden began with the largest air assault operation in history. The 82nd Airborne Division Drop Zones were near Nijmegen, and a good dramatization of their actions are shown in the movie, “A Bridge Too Far.”
The division was moved into France following Operation Market Garden and next saw action when it was rushed forward to oppose the German advance in the St. Vith area at the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge. They were committed to action on December 17, 1944 and would remain in combat through to the end of the war in Europe.

He was severely wounded during the reduction of the Ruhr Pocket in April 1945. He was still hospitalized when the fighting ended for the paratroopers on May 21st with the surrender of the German 21st Army to the 82nd Airborne Division, in fact he would remain hospitalized for several more months after the war.

Sergeant Ralph Erickson shipped from Europe on December 10, 1945, having participated in the Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe Campaigns. He arrived back in the United States on December 21st, was discharged from the Army at Camp Grant, Illinois on New Year’s Eve, 1945, and returned home to Chicago.

Following the war, he earned degrees from Northwestern University (Bachelor of Science in Physical Education in 1949, and Masters Degree in Education, Counseling and Guidance in 1953). Over three decades of coaching in Chicago area high schools and at Loyola University, Erickson led many swimming and water polo teams to championships. In 1966, he started the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) with the help of co-founder, John Cronin, and many professionals in that field today attribute their success to his guidance and instruction. Ralph wrote the scuba instructors book used in PADI training, developed the course requirements for the 11 certification levels for professional divers and instructors, and wrote many articles on diving and water sports for trade journals and magazines. PADI has grown to be the largest dive training and instructor certification organization in the world, with over 130,000 members in 5,300 dive centers and resorts operating in 180 countries.

He has been recognized as a world-class leader in his professional field and received numerous prestigious awards for his achievements. In 1992, he was inducted into the Diving Equipment and Marketing Assn. (DEMA) Hall of Fame, and was that year’s recipient of DEMA’s “Reaching Out Award for Education.” In 2004 he received the “Our World Underwater” Achievement Award for his contributions to diving. On January 27, 2005, Ralph Erickson was inducted into the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame in Grand Cayman, the Cayman Islands.

Retired after a long career, he was an accomplished educator, writer, coach, waterman and veteran. And, as a husband, father and friend, his life influenced a community, a university, an organization and an industry. He died May 25, 2006 at home with his family. Ralph Erickson was my father.
...Scenes from the January 19th...

CHAPTER MEETING: “G.I. BREAKFAST”
...In the Camp Mabry Headquarters, Bldg #8...

RIGHT, THE HEAD TABLE AND PART OF THE CROWD ENJOYING BREAKFAST. IN THIS PHOTO ARE SERVANDO AND MARY VARELA, JOE CASTRO AND BETTY CEPEDA, JOHN AND DOT GILLIGAN, RICHARD CONTRERAS AND HIS DAUGHTER, AND AT THE HEAD TABLE, IT IS CHAPTER 1919’S PAST AND PRESENT COMMANDERS, ERNIE BANASAU, BOB LICHTENBERGER, FRANK CORTEZ, AND RAYMOND DIAZ.

IT REALLY WAS PAST CHAPTER COMMANDERS’ DAY BECAUSE ALMOST ALL OF CHAPTER 1919’S PAST COMMANDERS CAME TO BREAKFAST. HERE, ERNIE BANASAU (LEFT), AND BOB LICHTENBERGER (ALSO PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER) ARE ENJOYING THE OCCASION. BOB MADE AN OUTSTANDING PRESENTATION AT THE MEETING, DETAILS OF WHICH ARE IN “ADJUTANTS CALL” ON PAGE 5 PRECEDING.

IN A SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION, KARINA ERICKSON, A FRESHMAN AT LAGO VISTA HIGH SCHOOL, AND WINNER OF SPEECH & DEBATE COMPETITION, IS SHOWN HERE RECITING HER ARTICLE, WHICH WAS A TRIBUTE TO HER FATHER, A DECEASED WWII VETERAN AND CHAPTER 1919 PATRIOT, RALPH ERICKSON. A STANDING OVATION FOLLOWED AND THERE WASN’T A DRY EYE IN THE HOUSE.

...Final Report Of The 2007 Christmas Gift Collections For Safe Place...

OPERATION PURPLE SANTA

BELOW, PATRIOT RUFUS DYE DELIVERS TO PAIGE SWIFT OF SAFE PLACE, ONE OF FOUR VAN-LOADS OF ITEMS COLLECTED IN THE 2007 DRIVE, AND PLACED IN THE HANDS OF SAFE PLACE STAFF IN TIME FOR THEM TO BE PRESENTED AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS. MANY OF THE ITEMS IN THIS DELIVERY WERE DONATED BY CHAPTER 1919 PATRIOTS AND LADIES AT OUR CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

RIGHT, PAIGE SWIFT, WITH OTHERS, ALL VOLUNTEERS FROM A LOCAL BUSINESS, AT SAFE PLACE RECEIVING RUFUS' SHIPMENT FROM THIS JOINT EFFORT WHERE OUR CHAPTER 1919 TEAMS UP WITH PFLUGERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION AND UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THIS WORTHY COMMUNITY EFFORT

AN ESTIMATED $4,000 WORTH OF GIFT ITEMS WERE ALL DELIVERED TO SAFE PLACE THIS YEAR
George Washington’s Birthday Dinner Party

The Military Order of the Purple Heart celebrates George Washington’s birthday because he created our original award that is known today as the Purple Heart (although it had a major design overhaul in 1932). Here locally in Chapter 1919, we celebrate with a Dinner Party, our most elegant event of the year, in one of the finest private clubs in downtown Austin. We want everyone to make a special effort to attend because the Chapter puts a lot of work into this event and it is really worth your coming to. You will enjoy being a part of our honoring of military tradition and ceremony, and taking in the entertainment while having a wonderful meal, all in the banquet hall of the “Austin Club.” You will value the experience of the evening far more than the relatively modest cost of attendance.

HUSBANDS, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO GET DOUBLE CREDIT BY TAKING YOUR WIFE OUT TO DINNER ON A SPECIAL OCCASION WHILE AT THE SAME TIME YOU WILL BE ATTENDING OUR PURPLE HEART CHAPTER MEETING. DON’T TRY TO EXCUSE YOURSELF OVER WORRYING ABOUT HOW TO DRESS AFTER ALL, AUSTIN HAS ITS OWN TRADITIONS IN THAT REGARD AND YOU MAY SEE A FEW IN FORMAL ATTIRE, BUT; MOST OF THE MEN WILL BE IN COAT & TIE, AND IF YOU REALLY HAVE AN AVERSION TO PUTTING ON A TIE, THEN JUST FASTEN YOUR TOP SHIRT BUTTON UNDER YOUR JACKET AND THAT WILL BE JUST FINE. FILL OUT THE FORM AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE, SIGN UP YOURSELF, FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ASK SOME GUESTS AND MAIL IT IN WITH YOUR CHECK. SUPPORT THIS CHAPTER TRADITION BY MAKING A STATEMENT WITH YOUR PRESENCE.

George Washington’s Birthday Dinner Party
FRIDAY, FEB 22nd, 2008, AT 6:00 PM, THE “AUSTIN CLUB,” 110 E 9TH STREET
Reservations Required By Noon, Feb 16th, But, Don’t Wait
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY — SPACE IS LIMITED

DINNER RESERVATIONS $25 PER PERSON — THE SOCIAL HOUR IS CASH BAR
GUESTS ARE WELCOME

LIST NAMES OF ALL IN YOUR PARTY IN THE SPACE BELOW. PAY FOR THAT NUMBER X $25 ea.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO; CHAPTER 1919, MOPH. THEN CLIP AND MAIL THIS RESERVATION FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO FINANCE OFFICER — FRED REY, 4903 TRANSIT CIR., AUSTIN, TX 78727

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING X $25 ea = TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = $
...Read Your ...

PATRIOT BULLETIN
ON THE INTERNET

This newsletter was posted on the internet about ten days before you received this paper copy in the mail. To see it on your computer screen, just log on at this address: www.purpleheartaustin.org and look through the menu and click on “February 2008 Newsletter.” The photos and graphics are in color and a growing number of our members and friends are helping us save on printing and mailing costs by notifying us to stop sending the paper copy while letting them know by e-mail each month when PATRIOT BULLETIN has been posted to our website. You can do so also.

Upon your request, Chapter 1919 will suspend mailing your paper copy and will add you to the e-mail notification list. To make sure we get your e-mail address correctly, please direct your request to: adjutant@purpleheartaustin.org

...We Are Pleased To Commend Corporate Booster...

BAE Systems
For their most recent generous contribution of $1,000 designated for support of “Operation Purple Santa.”

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE LADIES AUXILIARY
We have four ladies who are celebrating this month. Happy Birthday to each.

FEBRUARY
3 JOY MONTGOMERY
3 CHRISTINA MACHADO
5 MINNIE RICE
26 ELAINE REY

—BETTY CEPEDA, Unit President

PATRIOT BIRTHDAYS
Of the TEXAS CAPITAL CHAPTER

FEBRUARY
3 JACK W. JARNIGAN
3 MARCO A. CORDON
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Four patriot deaths have been reported to us since last month, and because they were mostly distant members, several of them are late notifications.

Patriot **JAMES R. DUFFY**, an Army Korean War veteran, died May 6, 2007. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey in 1931 and had enlisted in the Army in September 1950. James was serving in the 5th Infantry Regimental Combat Team when wounded in Korea on October 19, 1950.

Patriot **CLIFFORD H. ESTES**, an Army veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, died at age 83. Clifford was born in Hereford, Texas in 1922 and he entered active duty June 14, 1942. He was wounded in France in July 1944 when assigned to the 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. He remained in the service after WWII and received a commission as 1st Lieutenant in December 1948. He served through the Korean War and during Vietnam, and retired in the grade of Lt Col, at Fort McPherson, Georgia in July 1967.

Patriot **RICHARD A. FRANCIS**, an Army Vietnam veteran died August 28, 2007. Richard had been an active member of Chapter 1919 while living in Austin, after having transferred here from an Ohio chapter in 1999. He later moved to Nebraska and had been living in Omaha at the time of his death. He served in Vietnam with “I” Troop 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Black Horse) and was wounded at Xuan Loc during fighting on June 4, 1967.

Patriot **PRESTON A. IDEUS**, an Army WWII veteran, passed away January 18, 2008, at age 88. Preston served in the 317th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division and was wounded on Christmas Day, 1944 at Bastogne during the “Battle of the Bulge.” He was later awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Alach, Germany on December 25, 1944.

**DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS**: One of the founding fathers of the Department, Patriot **S.J. MALOUKIS**, passed away on January 20, 2008 after a long illness. From Alamo Chapter 1836, S.J. was a Past Department Commander. He was also one of the original Patriots who met and established the Department of Texas and then went on to serve for many years as Department Adjutant.
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