

Chapter Notes



CHAPTER 1919 HAD A GREAT TIME CELEBRATING PURPLE HEART DAY, YOU CAN READ ABOUT THAT ON PAGE 6. JOIN ME IN WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS, NAMED BELOW AND ON PAGE 4. MAKE A POINT OF GREETING THEM AT THIS NEXT MEETING COMING UP ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Patriots,

My thanks and appreciation to our Senior Vice Commander, Fred Hudgeons, for stepping up and providing comments for the August newsletter while I was not available.

I am honored that you allow me to serve as Commander for this period. You will receive my best effort. Thank you for providing an excellent staff to work with; with such caliber, my role will be very easy.

Your participation is needed to support our Chapter to better support our patriots, our community, and our nation. We need your suggestions for projects, and your efforts to recruit new members. There are a lot of eligible personnel, as the excellent presentation provided by Trustee Danny Baker during the meeting in August described. When you talk to other veterans and find that they have been awarded a Purple Heart, let them know about our Chapter and invite them to participate. Our patriots are our best recruiters. The candidates are out there; it is up to us to let them know about us and why they should participate as a member of Chapter 1919.

In line with the topic of membership, I want to recognize the new members announced last month, Aubrey D. Dismukes, Rene M Lopez, Jarod Myers, Anacleto A. Saucedo, Caleb A. Smith, and Frank C. Stolz. Also, we welcome the new members added this month (see Page 4), Michael Clark, Jason A. Dameron, Charles A. Franklin, Shelton R. "Doc" Jackson, M.D., Christovar M. Jaramillo, Stephen G. Moslely, Scott A. Plavney, Shane Savage, Darrell R. Scott, and Mortimer C. "Mort" Sheffloe. Next month we anticipate addition of Edward Lopez, who

recently moved here from Emporia, Kansas and is transferring-in from Chapter 648 there. Welcome aboard to our new and prospective members. We look forward to your participation in our programs and the growth of Chapter 1919.

One of the programs within MOPH is "Cell Phones for Soldiers", a program to collect unused cell phones for modification and distribution to individual service personnel. There will be more information about this soon but you will be able to donate that old cell phone that is no longer in use since you have upgraded to a new model with more programs than I can understand. That old phone it is just lying there in the drawer. MOPH can put that old phone to use and make it available to members of our Armed Services.

Chapter 1919 is working with others to develop a transportation hub here in Austin to operate as "HONOR FLIGHT AUSTIN," (see page 11). This project is part of a nationwide effort to honor Veterans and provide them with a trip to Washington D.C, and an opportunity to visit their memorial. Presently, the goal of the project is to honor Veterans of World War II and host their visit to the memorial that opened there recently and to show these Veterans how our Nation honors their service while they are still able to make the visit. We will have additional information about this developing program.

On a local level, the program to support youth league teams in baseball and soccer can be enhanced. These sport programs are valuable and help our young citizens develop physical fitness, teamwork, and athletic skills. My thoughts are that Chapter 1919 sponsors a youth league team in both North and South Austin. Would you like to be part of this project? Do you have a child or grandchild that presently plays in baseball or soccer? If so, do they need a sponsor? How would you like to watch the Patriots take the field in their purple jerseys? Share your thoughts and help create some great programs.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting, Saturday, 17 September, 2011.

Lee Hagan, Commander,
Chapter 1919, MOPH

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Unit Notes



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

We really got this year kicked off to a great start with the Purple Heart Day Celebration last month. It was wonderful seeing everyone again. I had a nice time catching up with all of you over the delicious barbecue dinner.

Last month I attended my first National Military Order of the Purple Heart Convention in Saint Paul, Minnesota. It was a moving experience to be in the presence of so many loyal Patriots and Ladies. Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, was the keynote speaker at the joint opening ceremony. Veterans clearly have the ear of the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs. Following his speech Secretary Shinseki personally acknowledged and took pictures with Kazuma Monty Nishiie, a 96 year old World War II veteran from Hawaii in attendance. You can find my pictures on page 11. A comprehensive release of Secretary Shinseki's address is posted at www.purpleheart.org.

The National LAMOPH made some changes to our Constitution and Bylaws, heard great informative presentations from the MOPH, and we elected new National officers for 2011/2012. It is my great pleasure to report our own Elaine Rey is the new National Senior Vice President. We are very proud of her. Congratulations, Elaine! Also, Elaine did very well in auctioning items contributed for the National Ways and Means Committee. Our new National Senior Vice President will be giving a more detailed report on the National

LADIES, BEING INVOLVED IN THE CHAPTER AND UNIT'S MEETING ON AUGUST 6TH, CELEBRATING PURPLE HEART DAY, AND THEN IMMEDIATELY HEADING OUT FOR ANOTHER FOUR DAYS AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION WAS A TIRING, BUT INSPIRATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR ME AS A FIRST TIME ATTENDEE. READ ABOUT IT IN THIS ISSUE AND IN YOUR NEXT PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE COMING OUT SOON

Convention at the meeting in Sept.

If you have never been to National Convention, it is an experience you will never forget and should have at least once. If you have not been for awhile, consider doing so again. It is important that our voices are heard too. Next year the National Convention will be in Phoenix, Arizona. I hope and expect Texas and Unit 1919 to have a much larger representation in Arizona.

The Region V Conference will be in Austin this October. The date and location will be given later.

One of my goals is to increase our membership. Ladies if you have daughters (including adopted and step daughters), granddaughters, mothers or sisters of your Patriot; let's get them added to our rolls.

At our meeting in September we will drape the charter for two of our deceased members, Margaret V. Seidl and Sook Ja Heebe. Please do not miss this opportunity to pay tribute to these fine women. The next meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the Camp Mabry Museum Bldg #6. See you there!

I want to thank all of you Patriots and Ladies that have been so supportive and encouraging during my father's recent health crisis. It has meant the world to know you care and are there for us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Respectfully,
Josephine
Unit 1919 President

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NEW MEMBERS



Ten new members have been added to the rolls of Chapter 1919 since publication of your last *PATRIOT BULLETIN*. Congratulations and Welcome to each:

MICHAEL A. CLARK is an Army, Iraq veteran. He was wounded at Mosul on May 6, 2008 when serving in the 43rd CEC, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

JASON A. DAMERON is an Afghanistan wounded Army NCO. SSG Dameron was wounded August 20, 2008 at Kandahar when assigned to Company B, 2-2 Inf, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

CHARLES A. FRANKLIN is a Marine Corps, Vietnam veteran, other details not available.

SHELTON R. "DOC" JACKSON is an Army, Vietnam veteran. Doc was a Medic (you guessed it) with 2nd Bn, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi when wounded January 4, 1968.

CHRISTOVAR M. JARAMILLO is a Marine Corps veteran wounded September 4, 2010 near Nausad, Afghanistan, when assigned to 3rd CEB, 3rd Marine Division.

STEPHEN G. MOSLEY is an Army, Afghanistan veteran. He was a member of the 344th PSYOP Company when wounded twice, both times by RPG's, and both times at the same location in the Arghandab River Valley northwest of Kandahar; on June 29, 2010 during a mission supporting the 82nd Airborne Division, and again on September 4, 2010 when supporting the 101st Airborne Division.

SCOTT A. PLAVNEY is an Iraq wounded Army veteran. He was assigned to HHC, 1-5 CAV, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division when wounded in Baghdad, January 15, 2007.

SHANE A. SAVAGE is an Army NCO wounded in Iraq, in 2007, and again in Afghanistan in Sept 2010 while serving in the 510th Engineer Company.

DARRELL R. SCOTT is an Army Vietnam veteran, wounded August 27, 1968 at Da Nang.

MORTIMER C. SHEFFLOE is an Army WWII veteran. He was a squad leader in Co E, 121st Inf, 8th Infantry Division when wounded September 10, 1944 in Northern France.

At "press-time," Chapter 1919 is anticipating additional Applications/Transfers, now at National Headquarters, to be listed as new members soon in monthly reports from the National Adjutant, including:

LARRY A. DARNALL, Army, Vietnam and **EDWARD LOPEZ**, Army, Vietnam

10TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE OF 9-11

...Tony Burger Center (3200 Jones Rd) in Austin, TX, at 6:00 PM on September 11th...

September 11th marks the 10 year anniversary of the attack on our country. As a tribute to those lost on that day, and to all the Service Men and Women in the Military, and all the First Responders who served then and every day since; Austin, Texas has organized this special event, open to the public and free for all who attend. A 250 member choir will be singing patriotic songs. There will be representatives from each branch of the military. All active duty and retired military and all who served in any branch of the U.S. military will be recognized. The Austin Fire Department, Austin Police and EMS will be represented and all First Responders will be recognized. All that and more, Patriots and Ladies come and attend if you can.



ADJUTANTS CALL



ITS OFFICIAL NOW: SILVER STAR LICENSE PLATES ADDED TO FREE PARKING LIST:

Texas Dept of Transportation: Registration and Title Bulletin #039-11 says in part. “Effective September 1, 2011, Section 681.008 (b), the Transportation Code is amended giving Silver Star specialty license plate owners the same parking privileges that have been in effect for...(includes Purple Heart) plates.” Those being that they are “exempt from the payment of parking fees, including a fee collected through a parking meter, charged by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal government.”

If you need to refresh your memory about the free parking privileges (and other benefits for Purple Heart recipients) you can re-look them on page 7 of your September 2010 back issue of *PATRIOT BULLETIN*. We know you don’t save all that paper, so go to our website (see top of page 1), then open the current “newsletter” webpage and you will find that issue listed along with all the other archived back issues of the newsletter.

PATRIOTS WOUNDED IN MULTIPLE WARS:

Just to make sure it didn’t slip by you, notice that new member, Shane Savage, has been wounded in both Iraq and Afghanistan, making him our only Patriot since 9-11 to have been wounded in both those countries. Of our 546 members we have only two others with the distinction of being multiple war Purple Heart recipients, it happens, but it is rare. It puts them in a truly special category of veterans, and *PATRIOT BULLETIN* likes to make special note of it. And talking about rare, Patriot Robert Dalton, although he only has Purple Heart awards from both WWII and Korea, he actually was also wounded in action in Vietnam. But, Bob didn’t get that second oak leaf cluster after being treated for a minor wound by the Company Medic and returning to duty (Platoon Sergeant of 3rd Platoon, Co A, 1st Bn, 28th Infantry 1st Infantry Division) because they were in

the middle of Operation “Junction City,” and his Company Commander was killed in action shortly afterward, Junction City just kept going on and on, and the paperwork never got done. Bob was never interested in pursuing the subject, but it would be good if there were someone or some way to correct the record and have him recognized as that truly rare Patriot, a Purple Heart recipient in three wars.

PATRIOT PHOTOS WELCOME: We are up to more than 150. That many of our members have

contributed a picture(s) for a Power Point slide show of Chapter 1919’s members. We show it at special occasions, several times a year and it looks really good, come see it for yourself sometime. Now, having 150

THE PURPLE HEART DIFFERS FROM ALL OTHER DECORATIONS IN THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT “RECOMMENDED” FOR THE DECORATION; RATHER HE OR SHE IS ENTITLED TO IT UPON...(HAVING BEEN WOUNDED, KILLED, OR DIED, OR WHO MAY HEREAFTER DIE AFTER BEING WOUNDED, AND WHILE)...MEETING SPECIFIC CRITERIA
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member slides may sound like a lot, but it also means about 400 others of us haven’t participated yet. If you are one of those, you are invited to provide a photo of yourself, preferably in uniform during the war in which you were wounded. Bring it to me at a meeting, or mail it to me at the return address on the cover of this newsletter. I promise to scan it quickly and get it back to you promptly by return mail (we haven’t lost one in the mail yet). If you have digital pictures, then you can do it the quick and easy way and send them to me by e-mail at: mcarr1@austin.rr.com.

ADJUTANT’S PHONE IS WORKING AGAIN:

My phone went kaput for days and days last month, if you tried to call me and I never answered, it wasn’t me ignoring you, it was because the phone would ring but it wouldn’t work. Couldn’t get it fixed either, the land line provider made no attempt to respond, ever. Finally, desperate to get it going again, I gave up and switched phone service to my local cable provider—and their responsiveness was not a whole lot better, the installer took another ten days before coming out to hook up the system. Anyway, it’s done and working fine now.

—Milt Carr, *Adjutant*, (512) 343-7940

...Scenes From Chapter 1919's Last Big Event, And None Are Bigger Than Our...

PURPLE HEART DAY CELEBRATION

...Saturday, August 6, 2011, American Legion Post 76....



ATTENDING WERE PATRIOTS JIM BROWN, ROBT. WARD, HENRY PAPKE, HOWARD MCKINNEY, JOHN LINGO, LEE HAGAN, RUDY ALANIZ, JOHN BURKHARDT, FRED HUDGEONS, LES ALLEN, DAVID MONTGOMERY, ED LOPEZ, JOHN WAGGONER, HAROLD WEEDEN, FRED LORD, MILT CARR, DANNY BAKER, JACK HADSSELL, RICHARD CONTRERAS, ROBERT DILLON, JESS FARMER, CHARLIE CASH, JOHNNY CAMPBELL, JON MEDINA, AND MANY GUESTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

AS COMMANDER LEE HAGAN LOOKS ON, SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, FRED LORD, BRIEFS ON THE NEW PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR WIDOWS OF 100% DISABLED VETS. DANNY BAKER HAD MADE A PRESENTATION ON THE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF PURPLE HEART DAY TO BEGIN THE PROGRAM



WHEN THE SPEECHES HAD BEEN MADE, THE EATING PART OF THE CELEBRATION BEGAN AS EVERYONE HEADED FOR THE SERVING LINE. RUDY'S BBQ WAS THE CHOICE AGAIN THIS YEAR AND THE FOOD WAS OUTSTANDING AS USUAL



THE VISITING CONTINUED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM AND IN THE TROPHY ROOM LONG AFTER LUNCH HAD BEEN DISPOSED OF. AT LEFT, RICHARD AND MARISOL CONTRERAS' VISIT WITH JENNY BANKSTON

...Scenes During The Summer Break...

“ROUND ROCK EXPRESS” VETERANS APPRECIATION

...And Chapter 1919 Was There To Greet The “Wounded Warrior” Guests....



THE AAA MINOR LEAGUE “ROUND ROCK EXPRESS” DID THEIR ANNUAL VETERANS APPRECIATION WELCOME TO VETERANS. WOUNDED WARRIORS WERE SPECIAL GUESTS. THIS WAS THE 2ND YEAR THAT CHAPTER 1919 SET UP A DISPLAY AND ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH PROSPECTIVE RECRUITS. THERE WERE FAR MORE ATTENDING THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE, MAKING THIS EVENT HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. THE EXPRESS WON AGAIN, AND ARE HEADED FOR THIS YEAR'S PLAYOFFS.



JOHN & ELAINE BURKHARDT AND TED ACHESON DID THE WORK WHILE 40 CHAPTER 1919 GUESTS ENJOYED THE GAME



TEXAS “AT LARGE” PATRIOTS

...This issue of *PATRIOT BULLETIN* is from Chapter 1919 with compliments of the Department of Texas...

Patriots living in Texas who are MOPH members “at-large” were placed on the mailing list for this month’s newsletter, to provide Department of Texas information on chapter organizations in the state, and how an at-large member can transfer membership into one of the local chapters.

We all have our reasons for MOPH membership, and “at-large” may be the better choice for some, that’s why the option is provided. But, Department of Texas recommends affiliation with a chapter as being advantageous to those who wish to be informed about what is going on with the local and state levels, whether or not they may choose to be active otherwise. Doing so is free, neither the state nor local chapters assess any added dues or fees.

Choice of chapter affiliation is open to the individual, naturally the Department would prefer to see every Patriot active and attending meetings in the chapter nearest home, but individuals may have other reasons for choosing and we haven’t heard of a chapter yet that turned anyone down for living too far away. There are 27 active chapters in Texas (whose votes counted in the National Convention in August). Those chapters and their (chapter numbers) are:

ABILENE (1937), AMARILLO (553), ANGLETON (867), AUSTIN (1919), BEAUMONT (1991), CLEBURNE (1867), CORPUS CHRISTI (598), DALLAS (542), DENTON (768), EL PASO (393), FORT WORTH (1849), GAINESVILLE (744), HARKER HEIGHTS (1876), HOUSTON (911), KATY (723), KERRVILLE (814), KINGSVILLE (816), LAREDO (766), MCALLEN (5077), NACOGDOCHES (1952), SAN ANGELO (740), SAN ANTONIO (1836), SHERMAN (612), SPLENDORA (782), TYLER (1935), VICTORIA (3077), and WACO (4077).

To transfer into a chapter, a department “at-large” member has two choices. First and easiest, if you use a personal computer, you can download and submit a MOPH Transfer Request form found on National Headquarters’ website: www.purpleheart.org. Open that homepage, and across the top line, locate and place your cursor over “Members,” slide the cursor down and click on “Download Forms and Documents,” look under the heading “Blank Chapter and Department Forms,” find “Transfer Form.” Print the form, fill it out and mail it to National, address shown on form. If you can’t locate your Life Member Card, you can find your membership number on the line above your name on any issue of your *Purple Heart Magazine*. (according to National, if you are really good with that computer, you can affix your electronic signature to the form, and follow step by step instructions in the “Tool Box,” to e-mail it).

The second way, for those who neither use nor care about computers, but would like to transfer to a chapter, call me (Milt Carr, 512-343-7940, Adjutant, Chapter 1919) to receive a blank transfer form by U.S. Mail. If you would rather not deal with chapter level, you can call the Department Adjutant, “Rocky” Hernandez, 254-628-1323, or call the National Adjutant’s membership staff, toll free at 888-668-1656, or commercial 703-642-5360, and they will be happy to send you the form.

ARNOLD E. “ANDY” KAUFFMAN

*Army Air Forces, WWII, Europe
Patriot, Chapter 1919*

Arnold E. Kauffman was born in New York City in 1922. He grew up in Yonkers and joined the New York National Guard in early 1941. After several months in the Guard, he volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps and on August 21, 1942, he entered active duty. He went through a succession of training courses including the Airplane Mechanics School at Amarillo Army Air Field in Texas, the B-17 Specialist School in Seattle, Washington and Aerial Gunnery School at Wendover, Utah. In 1943 he completed training on the Heavy Bomber, B-17, “Flying Fortress.”



SGT A.E. KAUFFMAN
1943

A new heavy bombardment group, the 457th, was activated in July 1943 and Andy was assigned to it. He joined a flight crew of the group’s 749th Bomb Squadron and was with them when the aircraft were ferried from Grand Island, Nebraska to Glatton, England. The group’s B-17s were flown individually beginning January 17, 1944 and they had all arrived at USAAF Station 130, Glatton, by February 1st. The 457th Group then flew bombing missions without letup until April 20, 1945 when there were no more strategic bombing targets remaining as the war was drawing to a close. After a total of 236 combat missions, all while at Glatton, their only wartime home, the group was inactivated in August 1945. But Andy hadn’t been there for all of it; after some early missions his aircraft went down in enemy territory and he spent the remainder of the war as a P.O.W.



EIGHTH AIR FORCE
PATCH

Those early missions of the group included some in which the 8th Air Force sustained heavy losses, those being Oschersleben, Schweinfurt, Augsburg, the “Big Week” bombing of Berlin in March, Oranienburg, and others. Sergeant Arnold Kauffman’s twelfth and last mission was number 23 for the group, and it was the deepest penetration mission the 457th had participated in as of that date, April 9, 1944, when the 8th Air Force sent 300 bombers to destroy a German fighter plane factory at Gdynia, Poland. Being such a long range mission, fighter escorts could not protect the bombers for the full distance to the target. The weather was clear, the bomb run was successful and the bombing results were reported as good despite moderate FLAK from the target area. It was the enemy fighters, hitting the bomber formation repeatedly before the target and on the way home that took the greatest toll. The 8th Air Force lost 32 bombers on the mission, three of those were from the 457th Bomb Group, two of the three were from the 749th Squadron, and one of those was aircraft #537, the B-17 “Shepard’s Flock,” piloted by Lieutenant Amos Shepard. Sergeant Kaufmann was the Left Waist Gunner.



457th BOMB GROUP



749th BOMB
SQUADRON

(The following is believed to have been an eyewitness account of the loss of the B-17 from post-mission debriefing of the crews.) The plane (flown by Lt Shepard) was hit by FLAK in the target area. At least one of the engines was out when he left the formation. Three parachutes were seen emerging from his plane. The plane dove down and leveled off and was immediately attacked by three FW-190’s.....

(The 457th BG Association has an outstanding website. It has added information provided many years later by the co-pilot and the ball turret gunner, but these details, next following, were not known at the time back at the base at Glatton). “All of the crew parachuted safely except the Aircraft Engineer. He was found dead with an open parachute. The Right Waist Gunner was injured in the upper leg by shrapnel but was able to abandon ship. He was later operated on in a German hospital and survived as a P.O.W.”

Having parachuted safely, Sgt Kauffman was soon taken captive and his first stop was in Dulag Luft, the “transit camp” north of Frankfurt for initial processing as a Prisoner of War. He was then transported to Stalag Luft 17, a prison camp operated by the Luftwaffe for captured Allied Flyers located at Krems, Austria, northwest of Vienna. He was not, however, reported by the Germans as a P.O.W. as required by the Geneva Convention, so his parents had received War Department notification that his plane was missing but with nothing to indicate whether he was killed or had survived. And so it remained for several months, then in June 1944 the Kauffmans received a telegram informing them that a German short wave radio message had been intercepted that included the name of Sergeant Arnold E. Kauffman as a P.O.W., but cautioning them that it was not proof that it was true.

Meanwhile, Andy was spending the remainder of the war with the 4,300 other American Flyers, all of them NCOs, in Stalag 17 (real life setting for the 1953 movie, *Stalag 17*, starring William Holden) and on the other side of the fence, in the international compounds, there were 15,000 other Allied prisoners, it was a big place.

As the war was drawing to a close, Soviet troops were threatening from the east and the Germans made a vain attempt to keep the prisoners under their control. On April 8, 1945, 4,000 of the P.O.W.s were started out from Stalag Luft 17, beginning an 18-day march of 283 kilometers, to Branau, Austria. There were 900 men remaining who were too ill to make the march and were left behind in hospitals. The P.O.W.s averaged 20 kilometers each day. At the end of the day, they were forced to bivouac in open fields, regardless of the weather. The only food provided was barley soup and bread. They reached their destination, a forested area at a Russian prisoner of war camp four kilometers north of Branau. Upon arrival, the men cut down pine trees and built crude shelters for themselves. The German guards had little real means of securing their prisoners but no attempt was made to escape because it was apparent that the liberation forces were in the immediate vicinity. The camp was liberated on May 9th. Andy shipped out for home on May 20, 1945, arrived in the United States on May 31st, and on November 11, 1945 Technical Sergeant Arnold E. Kauffman was discharged at the Separation Center at Fort Meade, Maryland and returned home to New York City.



ANDY KAUFFMAN IN AERIAL GUNNERY SCHOOL WENDOVER, UTAH, IN 1943



B-17s OF THE 457th BOMB GROUP CROSSING THE COAST OF FRANCE

Arnold and Elizabeth (Betsy) Kauffman lived in Sun City, Georgetown since its early days and he joined the Military Order of the Purple Heart as a life member eleven years ago. Most recently, he helped start up our chapter’s monthly luncheon meetings in Georgetown. This month, *PATRIOT BULLETIN* and Chapter 1919 proudly salutes Patriot Arnold E. “Andy” Kauffman.



ANDY KAUFFMAN IS BOTTOM ROW, NEXT TO LEFT IN THIS 749th SQDN CREW PHOTO



P.O.W. KAUFFMAN IS KRIEGSGEFANGENER NUMMER 105066 IN THESE STALAG 17 PHOTOS



PRESENT DAY ANDY KAUFFMAN DISPLAYING HIS MEDALS AND REFLECTING ON HIS EXPERIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS NEWS

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

FOR MOPH CHAPTERS

Patriots:

The National Convention was the best one that I have attended. Everything ran very smooth. First of all I want to congratulate Fred Rey who overcame a challenge to his position and was re-elected Region V Commander. There were several successful challenges to regional commander positions and Fred is now the Senior Regional Commander for the Order. I want to thank Rocky who has been sending out the highlights of the newly elected National Officers. A directory of the new National Officers has been sent to each Chapter Commander.

At the convention, I learned that Texas was the first state that corrected the missing VAVS fund problem. Thanks to Waymon and the Patriots that stepped in to help him through that ordeal. However, as VAVS money goes, the convention this year was different. The good news from the Foundation is that funds to departments will be based on strength of membership. The buzz word that we need to put into Texas Chapters' vocabulary is "receipts, receipts." This is directly from the new National Commander Bill Hutton who will personally be checking those records.

I want to thank Don Wilson for taking my place when I had to leave the convention to be with my kids. He did a great job in making all the 221 Texas votes count. Texas is the state with the most votes in the country followed by California and Florida.

Next year the convention is in Scottsdale, AZ. My goal is to have more Texas Patriots attend. I will also be talking to chapters about sending a representative, especially San Antonio and Austin. It was sad for me to represent the largest department in the country and have only two people attending. It was good to see Josephine Mays President of Chapter 1919 Ladies' Auxiliary, also present along with Barbara Wilson. Attending conferences is one of the small things we need to do to make Texas a better department. Let's start working together on all the things that will make us better.

Samuel Luna, Commander
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FOR LAMOPH UNITS

My Dearest LAMOPH Ladies,

My trip to the National Convention in Minnesota was cut short by an emergency in Austin with my son and daughter in law. She went into early labor and our beautiful twin granddaughter and grandson went to be with Our Lord on Thursday, August 11, 2011. I was there to hold them and love them as they departed their short life on this earth. They will always remain in my heart and I will love them forever. I cannot help but think how precious life is for all of us. Please continue to pray for my daughter in law as she continues to battle her Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Thank you for your continued support.

The short time I was at the Convention was an exciting one. After registering on Tuesday, Aug. 9, I joined the ladies at the National Finance Committee. Then after that, went on to join the National Executive Committee. The opening joint session that evening was with the guest speaker being Secretary of the VA, Eric Shinseki. He was so very inspiring in talking about how everything possible is being done to change how our Patriots are being helped by speeding up their claims and by being treated with dignity. Also, the way our returning troops are being taken care of for their needs, be it their physical as well as their mental states. I left the opening session with HOPE that our Patriots and returning Troops are not forgotten.

Our new National LAMOPH President is Barb Cherone whom I know will lead us with her great leadership skills and grace. Our Senior Vice President is our very own Texas Yellow Rose, Elaine Rey, who brings her experience and energy with her (see photo on facing page 11, Barb Cherone is standing to Elaine's right). With both their leadership skills our National LAMOPH will flourish. Congratulations to both of you.

With all that said I am again honored and humbled by the trust you have given me to be your LAMOPH Dept. of Texas President. Blessings to all, each and every one of you.

In Patriotism and Honor,

Gloria A. Luna
LAMOPH, Dept of Texas President

...The Texas Delegation is back from the...
79th NATIONAL CONVENTION
 ...August 9-13, 2011, St Paul, Minnesota...

Thanks to our Unit 1919 President, Josephine Mays, for being our photographer, she has lots more to show at the next meeting, but here's a sample.



OUR TEXAS UNIT 1919 HAS THE NEW NATIONAL SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, ELAINE REY (RIGHT OF FLAG). THE NEW NATIONAL LAMOPH PRESIDENT, BARB CHERONE, IS TO HER RIGHT



GUEST SPEAKER WAS ERIC SHINSEKI, THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND A RETIRED GENERAL AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF

PATRIOTS AND LADIES BEGINNING TO ASSEMBLE BEFORE THE JOINT OPENING SESSION ON AUGUST 9th. YOU SEE MORE PURPLE CAPS (PATRIOTS), PURPLE AND WHITE CAPS (DEPARTMENT OFFICERS), AND ALL WHITE CAPS (NATIONAL OFFICERS) HERE ASSEMBLED ALL IN ONE PLACE AT CONVENTION TIME THAN ANYWHERE ELSE

**TEXAS CAPITAL CHAPTER 1919 MOPH
 "HONOR FLIGHT AUSTIN"**



Is now accepting donations to assist Central Texas WWII and other Veterans with serious illnesses to fly to Washington, D. C. to view their respective War Memorials; at NO COST to the Veteran.

Donations should be made out to CHAPTER 1919 MOPH, and noted for "HONOR FLIGHT AUSTIN."

Mail tax deductible contributions to: Raymond Diaz
 612 W Annie St
 Austin, TX 78704.

Chapter 1919 Patriots will be given First Priority for all Austin Honor Flights—Tentatively to begin in Early Spring 2012.

**Prequel to
 Tributes**

*In Memory Of Patriot,
 and 2004 National Commander*
ROBERT LICHTENBERGER
 ARMY, VIETNAM, WOUNDED, CU CHI
 20th Artillery, 1st Air Cavalry Div
 by both RAY DIAZ and RUFUS DYE 1/11

In Tribute To Patriot
HAROLD E. "HAL" LEWIS
 WOUNDED IN TWO WARS
 3rd Inf Div—WWII & 1st Cav Div—Korea
 VA Coffee Bar Volunteer 'til age 90
 RAY DIAZ 4/11

In Memory Of Patriot
SAMUEL BIER
 ARMY AIR FORCE, WWII, EUROPE, POW
 465th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force
 RUFUS DYE 8/11

In Honor Of
JOE S. CASTRO
 ARMY, WWII, PACIFIC
 Medic, 105th Inf, 27th Infantry Division
 Wounded on Saipan, June 21, 1944
 by both RAY DIAZ & JENNYNE BILSKY 1/11

In Memory Of Patriot
SERVANDO C. VARELA
 ARMY, WWII, WOUNDED IN NORMANDY
 COMPANY B, 300th ENGINEER BATTALION
 by both RAY DIAZ & DON MORRISON 1/11

In Memory Of Patriot
CARL H. KLEIN
 ARMY, WWII, WOUNDED IN FRANCE
 2nd BN, 38th INF, 2nd INFANTRY DIV
 DONALD MORRISON 5/11

In Memory Of Patriot
WILLIAM A. BRANT
 ARMY, WWII, EUROPE
 1st Infantry Division, Wounded, Normandy
 RUFUS DYE 8/11

PATRIOT BIRTHDAYS

Of the TEXAS CAPITAL CHAPTER

- SEPTEMBER**
- 1 OSCAR R. SEGURA
 - 2 RUBEN N. MARTINEZ
 - 2 GILBERT R. MONTOYA
 - 3 RICKI LEE (RICK) GLENN
 - 3 WILLIAM E. DOOLITTLE
 - 4 ROBERT W. PETERSON
 - 4 WILLIAM D. (BILL) WISCHMEYER
 - 6 ROBERT L. WARD
 - 8 FRED M. (DOC) COX
 - 9 FELIX B. SILVA JR.
 - 10 EDWARD D. (ED) JONES
 - 12 ROBERT A. MENDOZA
 - 12 JERRELL W. HUDMAN
 - 12 WILLIAM S. BARBER JR.
 - 12 LONNIE GARZA
 - 12 BRIAN D. MCCLUSKEY
 - 12 JAMES G. DRIETH
 - 14 JAMES L. PREVATT
 - 14 ROBERT H. (BOB) HARWOOD
 - 14 JACK G. LEDFORD
 - 14 SAMUEL (SAM) FLORES
 - 15 ROBERT A. WHITMAN
 - 15 MILFORD A. TUCKER
 - 15 HERMAN C. HAYDON
 - 16 ROBERT R. JONES
 - 18 RENESSA GERHARDT
 - 19 JOHN E. (JOHNNIE) HOLUB
 - 20 SCOTT C. (BIG SARGE) GARRETT
 - 20 JOHNNY E. MANLEY
 - 21 RODOLFO (RUDY) ALANIZ
 - 21 STANLEY M. JANKIEWICZ
 - 21 JAY T. KIMBROUGH
 - 22 RAYMOND M. DIAZ
 - 23 JOHN SCHMIDT III
 - 23 ROBERT S. HACKNEY
 - 23 RALPH W. WATSON
 - 23 JOHN B.(BOB) BEST
 - 24 FLOYD H. (SONNY) LACKEY
 - 24 ONDRE S. AIKEN
 - 25 ROBERTO MORENO
 - 25 HENRY A. PAPKE
 - 25 JOE VELASQUEZ
 - 26 PAUL R. HOLSTIN
 - 26 JOSEPH W. RUANE, III
 - 27 JOEL W. LEHMAN
 - 27 GREG A. SCOTT
 - 28 TOBY COLON
 - 28 CHARLES A. FRANKLIN
 - 28 ERNESTO G. (ERNIE) JIMENEZ JR.
 - 30 JONATHAN D. (JON) MEDINA-HERRERA

SEPTEMBER



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Patriot Birthdays, Cont'd from adjacent column

OCTOBER

- 1 NICHOLAS SCHOON
- 2 CHARLES E. BONNEY
- 2 JOSEPH ZORNICK
- 3 DANA M. BECKER
- 4 ARNOLD E. (ANDY) KAUFFMAN
- 4 FRED E. LORD
- 5 THOMAS A. LYKE
- 5 JASON E. WORSDALE
- 7 JOHN A. HENNEN
- 7 ALVIN LANGHAMER
- 8 JOHN E. (JACK) ESHELMAN
- 8 JOHN T. (JACK) HODES
- 9 RAYMOND T. (TOM) HARP
- 10 STANLEY B. WILLBANKS



BIRTHDAYS FOR THE LADIES AUXILIARY

We celebrate eleven birthdays this month.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 MARILYN SWAN
- 4 VELIA CASTILLO
- 5 BARBARA CARR
- 7 MARY CONTRERAS
- 9 MARISOL CONTRERAS
- 15 MICHELLE COLLINS
- 16 JOHNNIE MATL
- 17 ELIZABETH LARSON
- 20 VIRGINIA ROGERS

—JOSEPHINE D. MAYS, *President*

MEETINGS DECODED !

The calendar on the back cover, pg 16, projects our meetings for the Fiscal Year. You see 4 types of meetings, *Regular Chapter Monthly Meetings, Staff, two Breakfast Meetings, and a Luncheon Meeting.* Here's what those cryptic entries mean.

Regular Chapter Meetings are normally on third Saturday's monthly, subject to availability of a meeting place, and except that we double up on the George Washington's Birthday and Veterans Day months. Locations vary, stay alert for changes.

Staff meetings are at 12-Noon on the Wednesday before the regular monthly meeting. They are open to all and this is where most of the chapter's routine business is conducted.

Breakfast in north Austin is at 6:30am on 1st Monday's every month at the Jim's Restaurant on Research Blvd at Burnet Rd. Breakfast in south Austin is at 8am on 3rd Monday's every month at the Jim's Restaurant at the "Y-in-Oak Hill."

Luncheon meetings have just started up, every 4th Thursday, at Duke's Smokehouse BBQ Restaurant in Georgetown, that's at 408 W Morrow, and is popular with those in our far north area.

Tributes

For a donation of \$25, or more, we will place your message in subsequent publications of this bulletin for the next twelve months. *Special Note:* Your contribution may be tax-deductible to the extent of the law prescribed in the Internal Revenue Code.

—MILT CARR, (512) 343-7940

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| <p><i>In Memory and Gratitude</i> CPL BENNY MATIAS, JR. <i>9th Infantry Division 12-11-68-RVN</i> CPL JOE GARCIA <i>173rd Airborne Brigade 6-4-69-RVN</i> Who gave their all to their country and will never be forgotten RAYMOND DIAZ 1/11</p> | <p><i>In Memory of My Fallen Comrades</i> 5th REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM ARMY, KOREA 1950-1953 LEST WE FORGET JAMES P. BRYANT 8/11</p> | <p><i>In Tribute To All The Men Who Served In</i> COMPANY "G" 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team "RAKKASANS" DURING THE KOREAN WAR HAROLD WEEDEN 10/10</p> |
| <p><i>In TRIBUTE to the Men of</i> Company "M" 223rd Infantry Regiment 40th Infantry Division KOREAN WAR JOHN & ANN LINGO 5/11</p> | <p><i>In Memory and Honor of the Heroes of</i> ADVISOR TEAM 1, I CORPS, VIETNAM-1971 And Of The Heroes of Operation Enduring Freedom <i>Thank You For Sacrificing Your All To Ensure Peace and Freedom for all Mankind</i> JOE & GAIL HARTNESS 9/10</p> | <p>GOD BLESS THOSE WHO GIVE AID AND ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED HAROLD [TEX-HOSS-HAL] LEWIS 3/11</p> |
| <p><i>IN MEMORY OF</i> J.M. HICKS P.O.W. IN JAPAN FOR 36 MONTHS DURING WWII JACK HADSELL 3/11</p> | <p><i>In Memory OF</i> BETTY DYE AND ALL OTHER PATRIOTS AND LADIES OF THE CHAPTER & UNIT 1919 WHO HAVE PASSED ON RUFUS DYE 8/11</p> | <p><i>TO THOSE</i> <i>WHO SERVED</i> Semper Fidelis WILLIAM NEWBERRY 3/11</p> |
| <p><i>In Memory of those pilots of the</i> 367th Fighter Group —WWII Europe <i>That made the supreme sacrifice</i> RUFUS DYE 8/11</p> | <p><i>IN MEMORY</i> Staff Sgt JOHN J. BROWN <i>A Good Soldier,</i> <i>A Great Father</i> JIM BROWN 12/10</p> | <p><i>In Memory of "Troopers"</i> Ron -Charlie -Dick -Johnnie KIA - Korean War - 1950 Eighth Cavalry Regiment First Cavalry Division JAMES LOGAN BROWN 1/12</p> |
| <p>HANG IN THERE MEN OF MOPH 1919 "HAVE A GREAT YEAR" RAY McKEE 9/10</p> | <p><i>IN MEMORY</i> Of the 27 crew chiefs and pilots Who died in a single plane crash In England during WWII 439th Troop Carrier Group JACK HADSELL 3/11</p> | <p><i>In Memory of Patriot</i> ARTHUR RICE SURVIVOR OF THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH WORLD WAR II MINNIE RICE 3/11</p> |
| <p><i>To Honor</i> Col Bill Brant WWII Vietnam HIS FAMILY 6/11</p> | <p><i>In Memory of Members of</i> MACV Advisory Team 79 who were killed or wounded, and to those who survived the conflict Vietnam —1964 - 1965 HAL HUTH 1/11</p> | <p><i>MEMORIAL</i> <i>IN HONOR OF HAROLD'S BIRTHDAY</i> PATRIOT HAROLD MARBURGER MARCH 22nd BETTY MARBURGER 3/11</p> |
| <p><i>In Memory of the pilots of the</i> 388th Tactical Fighter Wing VIETNAM WAR <i>That Made the Supreme Sacrifice</i> RUFUS DYE 8/11</p> | <p><i>In Memory of the Pilots of the</i> 18th Fighter / Bomber Group <i>Who Lost Their Lives</i> During The KOREAN WAR RUFUS DYE 8/11</p> | <p><i>To those who gave their lives</i> 103rd Infantry Division Europe, 1944-45 JOHN BRAND, D.Min., J.D. 5/11</p> |

The **MILITARY ORDER** of the **PURPLE HEART** of the **U.S.A.**



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| <p>NO MEETINGS*</p> <p>SUMMER BREAK !</p> <p><i>*BUT OUR DEDICATED EARLY RISERS STILL HAVE BREAKFAST ON 1st & 3rd MONDAYS AND HUNGRY GUYS COME TO LUNCH AT DUKES 4th THURSDAY'S MONTHLY</i></p> | <p>1st BREAKFAST-NORTH 15th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 25th LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>3rd- STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SAT, 6TH, 11AM PURPLE HEART DAY CELEBRATION <i>"The 229th Anniversary Of the Purple Heart"</i></p> <p>LUNCH IS FREE FOR PATRIOTS, FAMILY & GUESTS</p> <p>AMER LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERAN'S DRIVE</p> | <p>5th BREAKFAST-NORTH 19th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 22nd LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>14th- STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERANS DRIVE</p> <p>SAT, 17th, 10AM MONTHLY MEETING CAMP MABRY MUSEUM Bldg #6</p> | <p>3rd BREAKFAST-NORTH 17th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 27th LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>12th- STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERANS DRIVE</p> <p>SAT, 15th, 10AM MONTHLY MEETING LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERAN'S DRIVE</p> | <p>7th BREAKFAST-NORTH 21st BREAKFAST-SOUTH **No LUNCH at Dukes. 24th is Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>9th- STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>FRI, 11th, 9AM VETERAN'S DAY PARADE up Congress Ave, then CEREMONY FOLLOWS AT 11AM SOUTH STEPS OF THE CAPITOL BLDG</p> | <p>5th BREAKFAST-NORTH 19th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 22nd LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>7th- STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SUN, 11th, 1—3 PM CHAPTER / UNIT HOLIDAY PARTY Combined with CHILDREN'S PARTY BOTH PARTIES HELD IN ODD FELLOWS LODGE #23 6809 GUADALUPE</p> |
| JANUARY '12 | FEBRUARY | MARCH | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
| <p>2nd, BREAKFAST-NORTH 16th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 26th LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>18TH —STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SAT., 21st, 9AM MONTHLY MEETING "G.I. BREAKFAST" CAMP MABRY, CAFETERIA, HEADQUARTERS BLDG #8</p> | <p>6th, BREAKFAST-NORTH 20th, BREAKFAST-SOUTH 23rd LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>22nd —STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>FRI, 24th, 6PM GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY DINNER PARTY <i>At "The Austin Club" Great Entertainment, Great Food, and, a Great Time at a Great Party</i></p> | <p>5th, BREAKFAST-NORTH 19th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 22nd LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>14th —STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SAT, 17th, 10AM MONTHLY MEETING LEGION POST 76 2200 VETERANS DR</p> | <p>2nd, BREAKFAST-NORTH 16th BREAKFAST-SOUTH 26th LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>18th—STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SAT, 21st, 10AM MEETING & PICNIC ANNUAL ELECTION <i>AT THE WEEDEN'S IN DRIFTWOOD 1175 ENCHANTED OAK</i></p> | <p>5th Wheelers for the Wounded 7th, BREAKFAST-NORTH 21st BREAKFAST-SOUTH 24th LUNCH at Dukes</p> <p>16th- STAFF NOON LEGION POST 76</p> <p>SAT, 19th, 10AM OFFICERS INSTALLATION HILL'S CAFE 4700 S CONGRESS AVE MEMORIAL DAY 11AM, MAY 28th, AT PFLUGERVILLE COOK-WALDEN CAPITAL PARK 14619 N IH-35</p> | <p>NO MEETINGS*</p> <p>SUMMER BREAK !</p> <p><i>*BUT OUR DEDICATED EARLY RISERS STILL HAVE BREAKFAST ON 1st & 3rd MONDAYS AND HUNGRY GUYS COME TO LUNCH AT DUKES 4th THURSDAY'S</i></p> |

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