

**GUEST SPEAKER
PURPLE HEART DAY – MOUNT VERNON, VA**

1LT Dewayne White

First Lieutenant Dewayne White enlisted in the Army at age 17 as a Signals Intelligence Specialist and Russian Linguist. Following his initial training, he served in Augsburg, Germany with the 204th Intelligence Battalion. Later, Dewayne was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group in Stuttgart, Germany. While stationed in Stuttgart, he served twice in Bosnia in both Operations Joint Endeavor and Joint Guard.

Following his tour in Stuttgart, Dewayne returned to Monterey to study Russian. After completing this training, he worked as a nuclear weapons' inspector escort and interpreter for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) at Travis AFB, CA. While assigned to DTRA, Dewayne White was selected for Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, GA, where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry.

Immediately following his officer training and Ranger School, 1LT White was assigned as a platoon leader in the Third Infantry Division, and soon found himself fighting in Iraq. On April 8, 2003, Dewayne's Bradley Fighting Vehicle was attacked. He was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart. 1LT White returned to his platoon the next day and served with them until they left Iraq. After returning from Iraq, 1LT White moved to Washington, D.C. to join the Third U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), where he served as a platoon leader and now serves as the Memorial Affairs Officer in Charge.

1LT White's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service Medals, Army Expeditionary and Service Medals, NATO Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He is married to the former Imke Theiss of Augsburg, Germany, and they have one son, Logan Dallas White. Dewayne White is the Sergeant-At-Arms of the MOPH Greater Washington Chapter 353 and a member of the John Lyon VFW Post # 3150 located in Arlington, VA.



For information about the **Military Order of the Purple Heart and its Ladies' Auxiliary**, please visit www.purpleheart.org. To learn more about **MOPH Greater Washington Chapter 353** and **LAMOPH Unit 353**, please visit www.purpleheart353.com. Additional information about the **National Purple Heart Trail** is available at <http://phtrail.purpleheart353.com>. For information about George Washington Mount Vernon Estate and Garden, please visit www.mountvernon.org.

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of the
Purple Heart**



PURPLE HEART DAY

**AUGUST 7, 2004
12:00 Noon**

**Purple Heart Trail Memorial
Mount Vernon, Virginia**

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

- * Call to Order
- * Pledge of Allegiance
- * Invocation
- * Introduction of Guests
- * Laying of the Wreath
- * Remarks of the Guest Speaker
- * Presentation of Awards
- * Salute to the Colors
- * Benediction
- * Adjournment
- * Luncheon



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Military Veterans



GREETINGS FROM THE COMMANDER OF GREATER WASHINGTON CHAPTER 353, MOPH

On behalf of the members of Greater Washington Chapter 353, I welcome you to this special observance of the **Purple Heart Day**. It is important that we, veterans and citizens of this wonderful country, the United States of America, keep the memories of significant historical events alive in our hearts. Our commemoration of the establishment of the **Purple Heart** by General George Washington on August 7, 1782, will help perpetuate the ideals of Americanism we hold so dear.

Yours in Patriotism,

Commander

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF GREATER WASHINGTON UNIT 353, LAMOPH

The **Purple Heart Day** is an important reminder for us and all citizens of our great country that our freedom is not free. Our happy and secure today would not be possible without the sacrifice made by our **Purple Heart Veterans**. Our thoughts and prayers are with our **American heroes**, who risk their lives in Afghanistan, Iraq, and many other places around the world for our safe and prosperous tomorrow. On behalf of all Ladies of Greater Washington Unit 353, I bring our heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all Patriots and Comrades for their honorable military service and our freedom.

Yours in Support of our Troops and Veterans,

President



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