



MOPH Chapter 353 Newsletter and 2005 Chapter Election Notice MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART (MOPH) Greater Washington Chapter 353

Dear Fellow Patriot of MOPH Chapter 353:

March 2005

CHAPTER 353 MEETING SITE. We normally meet on the **third Saturday** of the month, except in August and December. A light snack may be purchased at the Post before our meetings, which begin at **1 p.m.**, and parking is **free**. A map with driving directions is on our Chapter 353 website.

2005 CHAPTER ELECTION. Our **April 16, 2005 meeting and election** of Chapter officers for the year 2005-2006 will be held at **American Legion Post 139** located at 3445 Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22201, at **1 p.m.** This notice is sent **more** than 2 weeks in advance to **ALL** Patriots of MOPH Chapter 353 in accordance with our National Bylaws, on page 21. Nominations may be made from the floor. MOPH Chapter 353 membership and personal attendance are required to vote.

If you would like to receive future bulletins, post cards, or newsletters **by e-mail**, please let us know at SCobb177@aol.com or webmaster@purpleheart353.com. You may also like to visit our **MOPH Chapter 353 website** at www.purpleheart353.org for news, announcements, and photo reports. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome! We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for **your service** to our country.

Yours in Patriotism,

Stephen H. (Steve) Cobb
Commander
MOPH Chapter 353

Chapter 353 Leads the Nation Welcoming Home Returning Combat Wounded and Injured Troops

Since our active hospital visiting program began in April 2004, our Chapter members have personally welcomed home over **4,200** troops, including over **1,450** wounded in action (**WIA**), and more than **2,700** non-battle injury (**nbi**) patients. We visit and welcome home our troops at Andrews AFB several times a week at all hours of the day and night. We also welcome our troops at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) and Bethesda National Naval Medical Center (BNNMC), the free steak dinners for patients at Fran O'Brien's Steakhouse in Washington, DC, at VFW and other Posts in Northern Virginia, and unit reunions throughout our area.



Purple Heart Float Wins First Place in City of Alexandria Washington Birthday Parade



Members of MOPH Chapters 353 (Virginia) and 2222 (Maryland) and LAMOPH Unit 353 enjoying the ride on the Purple Heart float on February 21, 2005.



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LAMOPH Greater Washington Unit 353 has been supporting our Chapter in many activities, including our joint special project **Operation “Welcome Home”** (please visit www.purpleheart353.com for additional information). With 21 Ladies, Unit 353 continues looking for new, active members. Your wife, daughter(s), granddaughter(s), stepdaughter(s), and/or step-granddaughter(s) of 14 years or older are invited to join our Ladies’ Auxiliary. For information and assistance, please visit <http://www.purpleheart353.com/lamoph-unit353.shtml> and contact Unit President Tanya Cobb at (571) 332-5310 or tcobb144@aol.com

Walter Reed Hospital Visit



Left to right, Eugen Forster, Steve Cobb, and Ed Schnug visit an Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) Veteran and his parents at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in Washington, DC (used with permission of the Veteran and his family).

Birthday Cake at a Chapter Meeting



Chapter 353 Patriots Bill Chism (left) and Joe Jimenez (right) cut birthday cake served by the Ladies’ Auxiliary in honor of all MOPH Chapter and LAMOPH Unit members born in September.