



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Greater Washington Chapter 353



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MARCH 2007 NEWSLETTER AND CHAPTER ELECTION NOTICE

Dear Patriots:

CHAPTER MEETINGS: We normally meet on the **third Saturday** of the month at **1:00 p.m.**, except in August and December, at **American Legion Post 139**, 3445 Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201 (downstairs meeting room). Parking is ample and free. A map with customizable driving directions is available at www.purpleheart353.com. Our Ladies' Auxiliary Unit 353 (www.purpleheartladiesaux353.org) keeps us energized at the meetings with complementary coffee, and our Chapter serves light snacks after the meetings. Our family members are welcome to attend Chapter meetings as guests.

ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS: We will elect a new slate of Chapter Officers for the year 2007-2008 at our next regular business meeting on **Saturday, April 21, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.** This mandatory notice is sent more than two weeks in advance to all Chapter members in good standing in compliance with the MOPH National Bylaws (August 2006 edition, page 21). Nominations may be made from the floor. Chapter 353 membership and personal attendance are required to vote.

MOPH NATIONAL WEBSITE: The redesigned National website is a valuable resource for all MOPH members. Log on to www.purpleheart.org to learn about MOPH programs, download National Bylaws and forms, renew your membership, order supplies (including clothes and gifts), and read the latest news. If you do not have a computer at home or at work, many libraries offer computer time to their patrons **free of charge**.

STAYING IN TOUCH: For upcoming events, latest news, photo reports, helpful resources, and more, log on to www.purpleheart353.com. To receive news and announcements **by e-mail**, please send your full name and e-mail address to SCobb177@aol.com or webmaster@purpleheart353.com. Please also **let us know** if your mailing address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address have **changed**. Your comments, questions, suggestions, and materials for our Chapter website are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you and hearing from you.

Yours in Patriotism,

Stephen H. (Steve) Cobb, PCC
Adjutant and Finance Officer
Greater Washington Chapter 353
MOPH



Operation "Welcome Home" Project is a special project of our Chapter in support of returning wounded and injured OIF/OEF troops. We welcome them home, provide immediate and follow-up assistance, and share information about benefits and help available to them and their families from various sources. As of February 28, 2007, we have greeted and assisted over **17,795** Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard military service members and their families. Please log on to <http://welcomehome.purpleheart353.com> for additional information and help us support our troops.

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."
– George Washington

Are you a **military retiree** with VA **combat-related** disability rating of at least 10%? Does your VA disability compensation reduce your military retired pay? You may be eligible for **Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC)**. For additional information and assistance with your CRSC claim, check our **Resources** section at www.purpleheart353.com and contact your local **Official CRSC Ambassador**:



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**NATIONAL PURPLE HEART FLOAT WINS TWO AWARDS
 IN WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY PARADE**

On February 19, 2007, Patriots from Greater Washington Chapter 353 and Semper Fi Chapter 1775 represented the National MOPH at the George Washington Birthday Parade in Alexandria, VA (www.washingtonbirthdayparade.net). The National Purple Heart Float, which was sponsored by the MOPH Service Foundation (www.purpleheartfoundation.org), won the **First Place** in the **Floats** category for the **third year** in a row and the **Second Place** in the **Spirit of George Washington** category for the **first time** in the event's history.

Chapter Meetings



ROTC Awards



VAMC Visit and Donation



Purple Heart Day 2006



Veterans Day 2006



March on the Hill 2007



Honoring Those Who Serve

