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Please email updates and events your Chapter and Unit have so that I can share with the Department.

I hope to hear from every Chapter and Unit quarterly.

It is not possible to send this to every member that does not have email. This is sent to every Chapter Commander, Adjutant, and Unit President. It is the responsibility of the Commanders, Adjutants and/or the President to distribute to their respective membership who do not have email addresses.

When possible, send all your updates, suggestions and corrections in Word or PDF format and pictures in JPG.

FOR OMISSIONS, COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ME.

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IF IT IS WRONG SEND AN EMAIL OR A TEXT, AND I WILL FIX IT.*****

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MOPH CHAPTER and MOPHA UNIT

Meetings, Dates, Times, & Locations

Winnebago land MOPH 162 and MOPHA Unit 162.

Meeting in Oshkosh 11:00 first Saturday of Feb, Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct., Dec.

At the Roxie 571 North Main St. Oshkosh.

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Meeting at VFW Post 7784 the 3rd Saturday at 10:00 in, Jan., Mar., May, Jul., Sep., Nov.

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Meeting at the Esquire Club the 3rd Thursday in Jan., Mar., May, Jul., Sep., Nov. at noon

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LT. Gordon Needdersen MOPH Chapter 228 and MOPHA Unit 228

Waukesha

Meeting at the Red Cross Center the 2nd Tuesday in Jan., Mar., May, Jul., Sep., Nov. at 6:30

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Memorial Bridge MOPH Chapter 770 Richland Center

Meets the 2nd Saturday of the even month at 10 AM. At Richland Center VFW.

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MOPH Adjutant: Bill Lobeck 608-538-3194 lzwest@mwt.net

Milwaukee County MOPH Chapter 818 Milwaukee

Now combined with 228

START THINKING CONVENTION1

YES, ITS COMING IN MAY

This year's Department of Wisconsin Convention will be at the Oneida Casino-Hotel, 2040 Airport Drive Green Bay on 3 May 2025.

The Department of Wisconsin is responsible for the cost of your room Saturday night, as well, food on Saturday (more on food in next addition).

For those who live a longer distance or a health condition that makes travel difficult the Department on a case-by-case basis will pay for Friday night also but not food on Friday.

Please make your reservation for the Convention to Phil Moore. Include the names of persons attending and any special needs.

Phil's email is: prespanther@gmail.com. You can also text the info to him: 920-750-4110.

FUN WAY TO HELP THE MOPHA RAISE FUNDS

MOPHA Members and Patriots also: Tax time is here and we're going to get started early! Please play along.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

This is a FUN way to help us raise money and all funds collected will support the National MOPHA general fund.

1. How many adults in your household: \$2.00 each
2. How many pets in your household: \$2.00 each
3. Count your purses and billfolds: \$0.20 each / \$0.15 fi purple
4. Count your pairs of shoes: \$0.20 each / \$0.15 fi purple
5. How many grandchildren: \$0.25 each
6. How many coffee/tea cups: \$0.10 each
7. How many doors in your home: \$0.10 each
8. How many open kleenex boxes: \$0.20 each
9. How many Purple blouses or shirts: \$0.15 each
10. How many purple socks, scarves, hats, vests: \$0.15 each
1. How many MOPHA/MOPH leadership caps: \$0.25 each
12. How many Purple pieces of jewelry: \$0.15 each
13. How many military ball caps: \$0.20 each
14. How many challenge coins: \$0.05 each
15. How many keys on your keyring: \$0.10 each

"Taxes" due \$

Extra gift from your Heart \$ TOTAL DONATION \$

Please send your donation ASAP (no later than June 1st) to:

Tracy Derr

320 S. Hughes Road

Howell MI 48843

MADISON FISHER HOUSE UPDATE

The Madison VA Medical center made an offer on a piece of land for the new house. Negotiations are sill underway, and while there is some red tape to navigate, things are moving in the right direction. The leadership team at the Madison VA is fully committed to this project, insuring everything stays on track. Their dedication and enthusiasm gives the Fisher House Board great confidence that we'll see this vision come to life.

JOIN THE FISHER HOUSE WISCONSIN MEAL TRAIN

The Meal Train is an opportunity for community members, teams, and families to come together and make a meaningful difference in the lives of military and veterans families. By providing a homemade meal, catering in, or using the Fisher House Kitchen to prepare breakfast, lunch or dinner. You are giving these families a chance to breathe and feel cared for during an incredible stressful time. Imagine the relief they feel walking into the House after a long day and being greeted by the warmth of a homemade meal, prepared by someone who genuinely wants to support them.

While the average length stay is about four days, some are here for upwards of 180 days. These are long stays filled with uncertainty and emotional challenges. By stepping in to help with meals, you're lightening their load in a very tangible way, allowing their focus to be on what matters, their Veterans and getting them healthy and home. If interested in providing meals in Milwaukee from Monday through Thursday for breakfast, lunch or dinner. To sign up follow the link on our website www.fisherhouserwi.org

Message from Department MOPHA Treasurer

I hope you enjoyed the 50-degree temperature we had on January 30th, as I am typing out my message to the members of the Auxiliary to the Purple Heart.

I have decided not to seek the office of Department Treasurer for this year's coming election. I have been your Treasurer since 2011, when I took over the position when Rhiannon Cupkie, who was elected to the position of National Treasurer for the

LAMOPH, (now MOPHA).

I have enjoyed working with the Seven Department Presidents, and three Department Secretaries. I also want to thank all the Trustees who audited my books, twice a year. If they had any question pertaining to the Department books, I answered their questions and the books were always approved, as being in order. At the Department Conventions and the Executive Committee meetings,

I always provided the members in attendance a breakdown of Department's Financial transactions during the year.

If anyone is interested in the position of being the Department Treasurer, you can contact me by email – pnlbirschbach@yahoo.com or phone – 920-753-6172.

I will have a flash drive set up for the newly elected Treasurer, with needed info.

I will be available to guide and mentor you as much as you need me.

I am a Treasurer for five other Organizations, and I need to step down, and the Department MOPHA is the one I decided on.

If the newly elected Department President ask me to be her Department Secretary, I would say yes, to that position. I will be active on the Department level, but I will not be your Department Treasurer. So please consider stepping up for the MOPHA on being the new Department Treasurer for Wisconsin MOPHA.

Yours in Patriotisms,
Nancy Lee E. Birschbach