



THE PURPLE MOUNTAIN QUARTERLY

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Quote of the Month:
“Surely, in the light of history, it is more intelligent to hope rather than to fear, to try rather than not to try. For one thing we know beyond all doubt: Nothing has ever been achieved by the person who says, ‘It can’t be done.’”
 - Eleanor Roosevelt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

O beautiful for heroes proved
 In liberating strife,
 Who more than self their country loved
 And mercy more than life!
 America! America!
 May God thy gold refine,
 Till all success be nobleness,
 And every gain divine!

America the Beautiful (1911 version)
 Katherine Lee Bates

On this Fourth of July, the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, look toward our beautiful Pikes Peak—the view from which Ms. Bates drew her inspiration. What does America’s Mountain inspire you to do? What does America’s birthday mean to you? Thank you for your service and sacrifice!



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MOPH Mission: foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among Combat Wounded Veterans, promote Patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives, and most importantly, provide service to all veterans and their families.



Looking for volunteers to help with bingo!

Help Wanted: Bingo Volunteers

Want to know what you can do to make a difference? Please consider participating in the weekly (Wednesday) bingo program. In addition to having a great time with some of our most venerated Patriots, you will help our chapter raise funds to go toward scholarships, chapter events, and maintaining our chapter building.

Remember that the funds we raise through the weekly bingo game goes toward paying for several of our operations, most importantly helping needy veterans and their families in our community.

Please reach out to us at moph423@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. There's no big commitment or extra training involved. Come out when you can and have a great time! Your help is what keeps our bingo operation—and chapter—going strong.

Time to Visit Veterans Homes!

Now that the scourge of the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us, it's time to kick-start our visits to VA and other veteran-centric long-term care facilities across Southern Colorado. Talk about purposeful and feel-good engagements! Led by our MOPH Auxiliary team, we coordinate in advance with facilities to determine what the veterans want and need, and put together some fantastic care packages. Last Christmas, we delivered hundreds of dollars of gifts to veterans at the VA facility in Pueblo. The veterans were so grateful and deeply enjoyed us visiting with them. Let's re-expand the program!

We plan to visit VA facilities in Pueblo, Walsenburg, and Homelake. Know of any other veteran-centric facilities we should visit? Please let us know and join in the fun of building care packages and delivering them to the veterans. Are chapter funds the care packages, so all we need from you is your time, goodwill, and positive spirit.

FREE MONEY FOR SCHOOL!

Did that get your attention? It's time to complete your application for the MOPH Chapter 423 Annual Scholarship. **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 31 July 2023.** Apply online at <https://moph423.org/scholarship-application>.

Scholarships are open to MOPH and MOPH Auxiliary members of Chapter 423. Scholarships are typically \$1000 each, with up to five scholarships awarded each year (depending on our chapter funds availability). You must apply online by the due date. Rules and eligibility are posted on the chapter's scholarship webpage.

Perspectives:

Why Did You Join MOPH or MOPHA?

Did you join MOPH to serve or to be served? It's a tough question that warrants some introspection and reflection, especially if this question causes you to reflexively bridle and feel indignant. The question goes to the fundamental mission of MOPH: foster camaraderie and help veterans and their families. We achieve that mission through service: helping one another, participating in meetings, and events, and getting involved. Like you, all of us have struggled to connect with the outside world again after the sacrifices we made in uniform. It's okay, it's understood, and you'll find that our meetings accommodate that perspective. If you've not been to a chapter meeting in some time (or ever), here's what you'll find:

- 1) Fellowship
- 2) Laughter
- 3) Positivity
- 4) A welcome handshake or hug
- 5) Focus on helping those in need

What you **will not** find:

- 1) Bitterness or hostility
- 2) Cliques or elitists
- 3) Ruminating on war stories
- 4) Service or rank parochialism

All of us served, fought, and bled for our nation. All of us earned a Purple Heart or—in the case of our Auxiliary and Associate members—are family members of Purple Heart recipients. But what really connects us as a chapter and Purple Heart family is our burning desire to serve our fellow veterans and their families. We serve through providing financial assistance to needy veterans and their families, awarding annual scholarships to members of our chapter, conducting visits of VA care facilities, and breaking bread together at our chapter meetings and special events.

NO ONE will ask you to donate more money (we gave enough of our blood, right?). **NO ONE** will require you to run for office or give more of your time than you want to give. But it is fair—and our duty as fellow Purple Heart recipients and members of Chapter 423—to ask if you joined MOPH to serve or be served.

Please join us for a chapter meeting or event. We joined MOPH for a reason, so let's serve together as a Purple Heart family. One team, one fight!

Chapter 423

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Commander's Corner:

Reflecting on the Birth of a Nation

- Dr. David "Doc" Andrews

How do you view our country after you've been scarred in battle defending her and the principles for which you fought? That is why the image I selected for this month is Norman Rockwell's painting of him placing the happy birthday banner on the Liberty Bell. It reminds me that we combat wounded veterans no longer see iconic pieces of American history, or special occasions like Independence Day, as patriotic symbols of a bygone day. Rather, we are now part of Americana itself; the medal we earned, the sacrifices we made, they forever connect us to our great nation in a way that few can ever truly understand. We are now like Mr. Rockwell; quietly going about the business of our lives, but taking care to pay homage to the other symbols of Americanism and patriotic moments that surround the birth and furtherance of our great nation.

I know that the Fourth of July will be a busy time filled with picnics, parades, and fireworks (well, fireworks for some of us; a quiet space with noise-cancelling headphones for others of us). However, I encourage you to spend a few minutes reading the Declaration of Independence this Fourth of July. Reflect on its meaning; reflect on whether and how that meaning has changed for you since you were wounded. I find the words to be more sobering yet galvanizing because I, like you, know exactly the price that our founding fathers were willing to pay when they signed the Declaration. This Independence Day, I will think of our nation's founding fathers and two of my ancestors—Cpl. Samuel Andrews and Pvt. Andrew Mercein—on the Fourth, as I will think of all of you, and I will say a quiet prayer of thanks for them and for you.

I will also say a prayer of thanks for the wonderful MOPH Auxiliary team we have, particularly Auxiliary President Karen Lindquist who so graciously agreed to partner with me again this year in leading the chapter. Our auxiliary truly is the backbone of the chapter, serving as equal partners in carrying out our vital mission.

Memorial Day 2023



Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Memorial Day ceremony at the Colorado Springs Memorial Park. As per our usual custom, we began the ceremony by laying a red rose for each member of the chapter who passed away in the preceding year. This year we honored Tomiko "Tomi" Money-maker, wife of Patriot Ernie Money-maker and mother of Associate Member Allen Shipley.

We also participated in the Colorado Springs Memorial Day ceremony. This year, the husband and wife team of Chapter Trustee Steven Zerger and Auxiliary President Karen Lindquist laid the Purple Heart wreath at the Purple Heart monument. Steven and Karen are beloved leaders in our chapter, and we thought it fitting for them to represent us in the wreath-laying ceremony. Well done, Steve and Karen!



THE PURPLE PULPIT

Greetings fellow Patriots. For a group of old warriors, we are in very good health. I'm getting up in years, now 91 years old, so I sure do appreciate the help from Commander David "Doc" Andrews, Glen Cooper, and the other patriots.

Just a reminder to all hands to please let me know of any Patriot or other Purple Heart recipient, whether they attend the Chapter monthly meetings or not, who is need of a Chaplain's visit or a get well card. I can be reached through the Chapter at MOPH423@gmail.com.

- Chaplain Melvin Postlewait

He sent from above,
He took me,
He drew me out of many waters,
He delivered me from my strong enemy,
From those who hated me.
They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
But the Lord was my support.

2 Samuel 22:17

My God grant you peace, dignity, grace, and honor as you walk the path of recovery. Please remember that you are never alone. We are here for you just as we know you are here for us. God bless!

Recipe of the Month

Commando Dave's Colorado Mop Sauce

Summer is the time for BBQ here in the Rockies. Based on the Carolina BBQ tradition of mustard-vinegar sauces, this brings the best of Carolina "Q" to the Rockies by swapping in our beautiful high desert Hatch and jalapeno chile peppers. This mopping sauce is a great for pulled pork, ribs, or to slather on Sonoran hot dogs. Be advised: this mop sauce can pack a wallop for those uninitiated to the zip of Colorado's chile peppers.

Ingredients:

- 8 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 4 Jalapeno peppers, cored, and sliced lengthwise into strips
- 6 fire-roasted hatch chiles, peeled, and rough dice
- 2 small sweet white onions (Vidalia is preferred), rough dice
- 1 ½ cups of Dijon mustard (1 16oz jar of Grey Poupon)
- 1 cup light/golden brown sugar
- 1 cup white vinegar
- 2 Tbsp hot sauce (I prefer Frank's Red Hot Sauce)
- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp black pepper
- ½ tsp kosher salt

Melt butter in a 2-qt sauce pan over medium heat. Add the jalapeno strips and turn the heat to low. Gently stir for 5 minutes until the jalapenos are fully fragrant and infused into the butter. Remove the jalapeno strips and discard. Turn heat up to high, add onions and hatch chiles. Stir until onions are translucent and beginning to brown (7-10 minutes). Turn heat to medium and add the remaining ingredients. Gently stir to combine until the sauce begins to simmer. Remove from heat and let cool for 5-10 minutes until comfortable to handle. Puree the sauce by either using a food processor, blender, or transferring to a bowl and using a hand food processor.

Got a recipe you'd like to share with the Chapter? Please send a copy of the recipe to MOPH423@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you and share your recipes!

Remembering A Legend



This Memorial Day, we honored the passing of our beloved long-time MOPH Auxiliary member Tomiko "Tomi" Money maker, wife of Patriot Ernie Money maker and mother of Associate Member Allen Shipley. Tomi passed away on June 8th, 2022, so this Memorial Day was our opportunity to remember her with a red rose at our Purple Heart monument at Memorial Park in Colorado Springs.



Tomi blessed our chapter with decades of service to our Purple Heart community. Small in stature with a huge heart to serve, Tomi held several offices in the MOPH Auxiliary and continues to hold a special place in the hearts of all who knew her. And, yes, we're going to include Tomi's fabulous Strawberry Shortcake recipe in our upcoming MOPH Cookbook!

Ernie and Allen, please know that it was our honor to recognize Tomi at the Colorado Springs Memorial Day ceremony. We appreciate you, and we were grateful that you were able to lay a red rose for Tomi at the Purple Heart memorial this year.



Auxiliary President's Page

Our last Auxiliary meeting, May 13, 2023, we elected officers for the year 2023-2024. The officers were installed that date by Past commander Ernie Money maker. Thank you Ernie. Those officers are listed on the previous page along with Patriot officers. At that meeting we decided to share offices more ie, being President for a year at a time. I would like to say that the officers for the past two years+ did a FANTASTIC job holding everything together with adversities like covid. Our summer is upon us, and we would like to plan some activities with our Veterans at Homelake, Walsenburg, Pueblo, and possibly Florence Veterans homes. In discussions with our Commander, Dave, we would like to make this a joint project, with that said, we welcome any and all ideas at the June meeting. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have already memorialized our Veterans at the Rock. I hope you were able to join us. We laid a rose for our deceased sister, Tomi Money maker, who left us June 8, 2022. We truly miss her smile. The Ladies will be bringing lunch for the June meeting. Our next meeting will be June 10, 2023 at 10:30am. I will be putting pictures of us doing our different activities, such as parades, award presentations, meetings, dinners, cleaning, and good times in our newsletters. I will not have time to call each one of you nor do I have all of your contacts. IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOURSELF IN A PICTURE IN OUR NEWSLETTER PLEASE NOTIFY ME at 719-545-7651 or Karenlindquist2@Yahoo.com. By June 10th THANK YOU.

We need your e-mail address if you have one so we can continue communication. Send it to LAMOPH Chapter at 2 Carson Circle, Fountain, Colo. 80817

Yours in Patriotism,

Karen Lindquist-President (719-545-7651); Karenlindquist2@Yahoo.com)

Mark Your Calendars

10 June (Saturday): MOPH Chapter 423 Chapter Meeting

Time: 1030-1200, followed by lunch

Location: MOPH Chapter 423 bldg., 2 Carson Circle, Fountain, CO 80817

05 August (Saturday): National Purple Heart Day Open House

Time: 1200-1600; Free world-class BBQ and a chance to interact with the community

Location: MOPH Chapter 423 bldg., 2 Carson Circle, Fountain, CO 80817

No At-Large Chapter Activities During July

Contact Us

We welcome your feedback, contributions, and—most importantly—your fellowship.

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