



# MOPH Chapter 1919

**2019 CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTIONS – February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**2019 CHAPTER OFFICER INSTALLMENT CEREMONY – March 31<sup>st</sup>**

There are several opportunities during the next few months to fulfill our organizational mission and objectives. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

## **February 2019**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast at Jim’s Restaurant North. 6:30am. 183N and Burnet.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> – **Chapter Staff Meeting. 1pm-3pm. Camp Mabry Museum.** All Chapter members (not just the staff) are invited to attend.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – **Chapter Meeting and 2019 Officer Elections. 2pm-4pm. Austin Beerworks** near Jim’s Restaurant at Burnet and 183 (3001 Industrial Terrace, Austin, TX 78758).

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast at Jim’s Restaurant South. 8:00am. The Y at Oak Hill.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – George Washington Birthday Dinner. 6pm-10pm. Austin Club (110 East 9th Street, Austin, TX). See flyer.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Lunch at Mas Fajitas in Georgetown. 12noon.

## **March 2019**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Military Family Day at Candlelight Ranch, Marble Falls. 9:30am-3pm. Wounded Warrior families and MOPH families are invited to a FREE special “MOPH Family Day”. The Candlelight Ranch is a unique, outdoor recreation center with ZIP lines, confidence courses, and many outdoor activities for all family members. Click here to register your family. <http://candlelightranch.org/news-events/events/>.  
**Note: When you register via email to Lynette Holtz, make sure to inform her that you are registering for the “MOPH Family Day” on March 3<sup>rd</sup> – which is not listed on their website as a standard military day because it is exclusive to MOPH and Wounded Warrior families.**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast at Jim’s Restaurant North. 6:30am. 183N and Burnet.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> – **Chapter Staff Meeting. 1pm-3pm. Camp Mabry Museum.** All Chapter members are invited to attend.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast at Jim’s South. 8:00am. The Y at Oak Hill.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> (Tentative) – Purple Heart Monument Dedication. Time TBA. City of Elgin Veteran’s Park. All Chapter members are invited to attend. Wear your purple!

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Lunch at Mas Fajitas in Georgetown. 12noon.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> – **Chapter Meeting and 2019 Officer Installment Ceremony. 2pm-4pm. Austin Beerworks** – near Jim's Restaurant at Burnet and 183 (3001 Industrial Terrace, Austin, TX 78758).

## **April 2019**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant North. 6:30am. 183N and Burnet.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – **Chapter Staff Meeting. 1pm-3pm. Mas Fajitas Restaurant, Georgetown.** All Chapter members are invited to attend. Discuss and coordinate May events (Dept Convention, Weeden BBQ, Carry the Load, Memorial Day Ceremony).

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – **Chapter Meeting. 2pm-4pm. Austin Beerworks** – near Jim's Restaurant at Burnet and 183 (3001 Industrial Terrace, Austin, TX 78758).

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast at Jim's South. 8:00am. The Y at Oak Hill.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Lunch at Mas Fajitas in Georgetown. 12noon.

TBD – MOPH Chapter 1919 sponsors 20 JROTC and 8 ROTC Leadership Awards each Spring. Last year, 8 award ceremonies were in April. Contact Jim Bracken if you plan to (or desire to) present an award during any of the local high schools or universities.

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## **May 2019**

TBD – MOPH Chapter 1919 sponsors 20 JROTC and 8 ROTC Leadership Awards each Spring. Last year, 9 award ceremonies were in May. Contact Jim Bracken if you plan to (or desire to) present an award during any of the local high schools or universities.

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Veteran Recreation (VETREC) on the water. Seguin, TX. Free for veterans. Family picnic, kayaking, paddleboard, paddleboard yoga, fly fishing, lots of outdoor fun on the river in Seguin. Hosted by certified recreational therapists from Texas State University.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - Department Convention in San Antonio. Check in begins at 3:30pm on Friday. For more information and to register, visit Department of Texas Purple Heart website. Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel San Antonio, 502 W Cesar Chavez, San Antonio, TX 78207.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant North. 6:30am. 183N and Burnet.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> – **Chapter Staff Meeting. 1pm-3pm. Mas Fajitas Restaurant, Georgetown.** All Chapter members are invited to attend. Discuss and coordinate May events (Weeden BBQ, Carry the Load, Memorial Day Ceremony).

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – **Annual Chapter BBQ. 12noon-5pm.** Rose Weeden's home in Driftwood, TX. This will be a pot-luck BBQ like our 2018 Christmas Party. Live music by the Hill Country Ramblers, entertainment, raffle and door prizes, activities for kids. Address: 1175 Enchanted Oak Drive, Driftwood TX 78619.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast at Jim's South. 8:00am. The Y at Oak Hill.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Carry the Load Rally. New Braunfels. 12noon. Contact John Collins to volunteer and to get more information. Email: [john7740@sbcglobal.net](mailto:john7740@sbcglobal.net)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Carry the Load Rally. Sun City. 8am. Contact John Collins to volunteer and to get more information. Email: [john7740@sbcglobal.net](mailto:john7740@sbcglobal.net)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Lunch at Mas Fajitas in Georgetown. 12noon.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Carry the Load Rally. Fort Hood (Horse Detachment). 2pm. Contact John Collins to volunteer and to get more information. Email: [john7740@sbcglobal.net](mailto:john7740@sbcglobal.net)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Ceremony at Veteran's Park in Sun City. Time TBA.

## **June 2019**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant North. 6:30am. 183N and Burnet.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> – **Chapter Staff Meeting. 1pm-3pm. Mas Fajitas Restaurant, Georgetown.** All Chapter members are invited to attend. Discuss 2019 Golf Tournament.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – **Chapter SWIM PARTY at Rock-N-River Water Park in Round Rock.** All Chapter members and families are invited to kick off the summer with a FREE day at the water park.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast at Jim's South. 8:00am. The Y at Oak Hill.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Lunch at Mas Fajitas in Georgetown. 12noon.

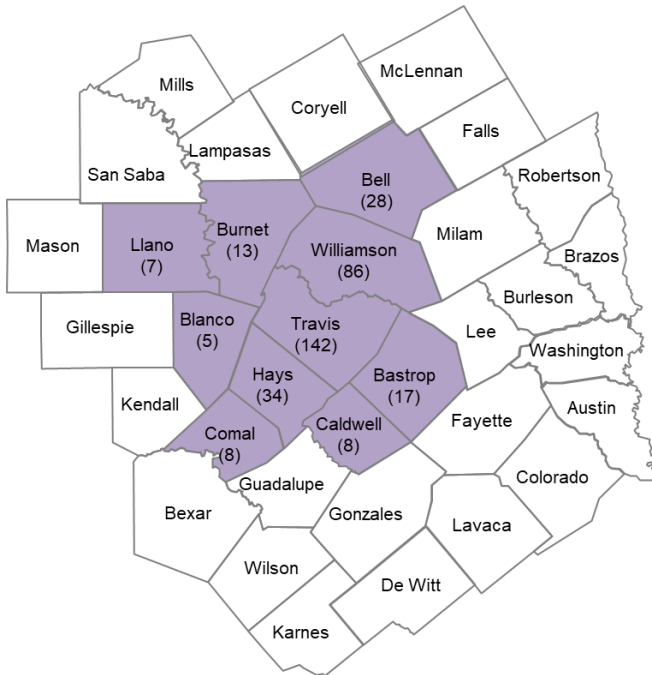


## MILITARY ORDER of the PURPLE HEART “Texas Capital Chapter 1919”

### MOPH 1919 Objectives:

- 1. Cultivate an environment of camaraderie among combat wounded veterans**
  - A) Monthly Chapter social events, BBQ, outdoor sports
  - B) Community outreach programs, parades, and volunteer activities
- 2. Promote Patriotism and Americanism in our communities**
  - A) Memorial Day and Veteran Day ceremonies
  - B) ROTC and JROTC leadership awards
  - C) Guest speakers and panel members for veteran seminars
  - D) Scholarships for veterans and their family members
- 3. Support necessary legislative initiatives to preserve veteran benefits**
- 4. Provide services and support to all veterans and their family members**
  - A) MOPH 1919 Financial Assistance (Welfare Fund)
  - B) Certified Veteran Service Officers (VSO) to file disability claims for veterans
  - C) Family resource counseling and mentoring (financial, education, employment)
  - D) Provide available resources to other veteran non-profit organizations to support quality of life for aging veterans living with effects of Agent Orange, TBI & PTSD, and loss of limb, eyesight, or mobility

### MOPH 1919 Membership “Core Counties”



Membership Statistics (as of 10/1/2018)	WW2 KOR VN	After VN	Assoc Mbr	Total
Members outside of TX	38	21	5	64
Members outside of MOPH 1919 Core Counties	124	31	6	161
Members who live inside 10 Core Counties	234	89	22	345
<b>Total</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>570</b>

## ***2018 In Review***

***Patriots, 2018 was a great year for our Chapter, our communities, and our relationships with other veteran focused non-profit organizations and local businesses. To review what you accomplished during the year, here are just a few of the highlights:***

- Patriot John Augustine recruited OIF and OEF members to lead Chapter 1919 during the next few years to ensure a smooth (and gradual) transition for our Chapter's future leaders.
- Chapter 1919 sponsored over 20 Leadership Awards to graduating seniors in both JROTC and ROTC programs in Central Texas.
- Chapter 1919 embraced and supported John Collins' vision for designating a segment of the Comal River in New Braunfels as part of the National Purple Heart Trail. Thanks to John's passion for supporting veterans, our Chapter has developed exceptional friendships and supporters in New Braunfels (businesses, city leadership, and county elected officials).
- We partnered with John Collins and Carry the Load (CTL) non-profit to support their fundraising goals in Central Texas. We attended and supported CTL rallies in New Braunfels, Georgetown, and Fort Hood.
- We participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veteran Memorial Plaza in Sun City.
- Chapter 1919 raised over \$2500 in support of one of our Patriot families who lost their home and all possessions in a fire. In partnership with Helping a Hero non-profit organization, we welcomed the Patriot family to their new home in Georgetown, TX.
- Chapter 1919 worked with Williamson County, Travis County, Bastrop County, and Comal County to designate those counties as Purple Heart Counties. We also worked with the City of Elgin and Bastrop to designate those cities as Purple Heart Cities.
- Chapter 1919 supported the Patriot Golf Tournament on 9/11, held a raffle for Home Depot tools and custom-made quilts to raise over \$5,500 to fund programs such as welfare assistance to needy veterans, scholarships, and donations to other non-profit veteran organizations like Heroes Night Out and Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association.
- Chapter 1919 worked with Georgetown Rotary Club to support this year's Central Texas Field of Honor. Purple Heart recipients were honored during a wonderful ceremony where Senator Donna Campbell (Senate Veterans and Border Security Chair) thanked combat veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices to our country.
- We participated in the Lakeway July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Austin Veterans Day Parades.
- Chapter 1919 hosted a Christmas Party for veteran families in Copperas Cove, delivered Christmas Baskets to home-bound Patriot members and families, and supported community organizations and schools with Purple Santa.
- Chapter 1919 sponsored an Eagle Scout Project in Bastrop County, where a Purple Heart Monument will be erected in the Elgin City Veterans Park in March 2019.

*Chapter 1919 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest chapter in Texas, and 7<sup>th</sup> largest in the Nation. Our members are among the most compassionate, sincere, generous, and patriotic folks I have ever met. This year has been a wonderful learning experience for your Chapter Officers, and together we are committed to sustain the progress our Chapter has made this past year. Thank you all for your support and participation in our programs!*

## **Note from the Commander**

***2019 will be an important year for our chapter. Many of the founding members and active Vietnam Veteran Patriots are looking for younger Patriots to take on more responsibilities and volunteer roles pursuant to our Chapter's activities and community engagement. During 2019, I ask that our post-Vietnam Patriots seek opportunities to help with our community service activities and attend our Chapter meetings.***

***In the next 3 months, we have several programs that will require volunteers:***

***1. When a graduating high school or college senior attends his or her Spring Awards Ceremony to receive a Leadership Award sponsored and provided by our Chapter, we should have a Patriot member present to present (or congratulate) that cadet / midshipman. Contact me if you would like to support this important, and example-setting duty. The ceremonies take place in April and May at the local high schools and universities where JROTC and ROTC programs exist.***

***2. Our annual dinner celebration of George Washington's Birthday is a special occasion where we can gather to enjoy stories, laughs, and camaraderie. The dinner was moved from Friday to Saturday night this year, in hopes that more Patriots will attend. This year we will be offering customized wine glasses and pint-sized beer glasses with our chapter logo. We will also be introducing a new Chapter Coin.***

***3. After many years of volunteering their time for our Chapter, some of our Vietnam Era Patriots are asking for relief.***

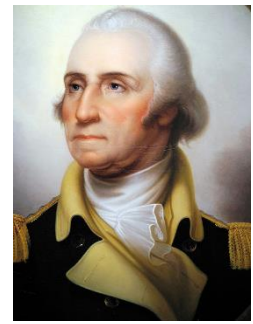
***a. Many of you have noticed that our newsletter frequency has changed dramatically. Our award-winning Chapter Newsletter (in its familiar format) can no longer be produced by the Patriots who gave so much of their time to assemble the content monthly, then quarterly, and now semiannually. We need new Patriot volunteers for the newsletter.***

***b. Our Chapter Website is in transition. The Patriots who have worked so very hard for years to make the website what it is, no longer have the time or resources to maintain or update it. We need new Patriot volunteers to maintain our website, to send out monthly email reminders, and help us leverage social media platforms.***

***As mentioned, 2019 will be an important year for our chapter. My goal is to prevent disruptions in information flow as we train new Chapter Officers and volunteers in some of the key roles. If you ever have questions about what our chapter is doing, why our chapter is doing it, or want to express your concerns about Chapter Activities, please email or call me. [Cmdr.MOPH1919@gmail.com](mailto:Cmdr.MOPH1919@gmail.com) or (760) 814-3593.***

***Jim Bracken, Commander***





## **Texas Capital Chapter 1919 Military Order of the Purple Heart**

*On behalf of the Patriot members and the Auxiliary of MOPH Chapter 1919, I am pleased to invite you to join our annual dinner celebration for **George Washington's Birthday**.*

*Our dinner will be held at the beautiful and historic Austin Club on Saturday, February 23, 2019 beginning at 6pm. It will be an excellent evening with the Texas Capital's combat wounded veterans.*

*A buffet dinner will be provided and a cash bar available. This year, the meal includes a variety of salads, side dishes, and Red Wine Braised Short Ribs and Focaccia Crusted Chicken with lemon caper butter sauce.*

*Major General Dave Garza, USMC (Ret) is our Guest Speaker for the evening, and Carl Hutchens will provide music entertainment. We will have special awards, door prizes, and Chapter 1919 logo items for purchase.*

MOPH Member Tickets: \$45 each by check (\$47 by PayPal)  
Non-Member Tickets: \$50 each by check (\$52 by PayPal)  
Reserve a table for 8: \$400 by check only  
Reserve a table for 10: \$500 by check only

*Dress Attire: Semi-Formal or Formal*

*The Austin Club is located at 110 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas. Complimentary parking will be available in the garage adjacent to club. Validate tickets at the front desk of the Austin Club.*

### Payment Methods:

*1. Make checks payable to: "**MOPH Chapter 1919**"*

*Mail checks not later than February 18<sup>th</sup>: **137 Twin Creekview Lane, Georgetown, TX 78626***

*2. Pay via PayPal. Visit our website [www.PurpleHeartAustin.org](http://www.PurpleHeartAustin.org)*

***RSVP Please: Reserve your tickets or tables.** Provide the number of tickets (or tables) and names of the persons in your party to [luvd82304@yahoo.com](mailto:luvd82304@yahoo.com) (512) 909-2049, or mail the attached reservation sheet to:*

*Larisa Dickerson  
137 Twin Creekview Lane  
Georgetown, TX 78626*

**George Washington Birthday Dinner  
RESERVATIONS**

Total Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Reservation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ MOPH 1919 Member? Yes No

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Cost

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MAIL this form and check to:

**Larisa Dickerson  
137 Twin Creekview Lane  
Georgetown, TX 78626**

Total Cost for this Reservation: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment

\_\_\_\_\_ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have already paid via PayPal in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.