

## Purple Heart 1919 Winter 2018 Newsletter

There are several opportunities during November and December to fulfill our organizational mission and objectives. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

### November:

6<sup>th</sup> – National Election Day

6<sup>th</sup> – Travis County designation as a Purple Heart County. 700 Lavaca Street, Austin – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Be there at 1030am. Ceremony begins at 11am.

9<sup>th</sup> – MOPH Chapter 1919 Veteran Day Ceremony at Georgetown Field of Honor ® located at the San Gabriel Park Activity Field. Ceremony begins at 7pm. Come early for seating. Ceremony will last approximately 1 hour and include:

- Designation of Williamson County as a Purple Heart County
- Presentation by Quilts of Valor to Purple Heart Recipients
- Designation of Trinity Oaks as Purple Heart Supporter
- Designation of Thumbtack Ranch as Purple Heart Ranch
- Guest Speaker Senator Donna Campbell, TX Senate Veteran Affairs
- Music by Carl Hutchens

10<sup>th</sup> – USMC Birthday – 243 Years – Semper Fidelis

11<sup>th</sup> – Austin Veteran Day Parade. Assemble on Congress Ave bridge at 8:30am. Wear your purple shirts and hats. We will have 2-3 vehicles, and our Purple Heart banner. Purple Santa will be joining us. Call or email Senior Vice Commander, Carl “Pee Wee” Rees with questions. We are looking for a large turnout this year! For more info, visit website: <http://austinveteransparadefoundation.org/>

11<sup>th</sup> – UT Austin Veteran Day Ceremony. Ceremony starts at 11am. For more info, visit website:

<https://www.texasworldwar1centennial.org/calander/veterans-day-ceremony-ut-austin>

17<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Staff Meeting. 10am-12pm. Camp Mabry Military Museum.

30 Nov – 2 Dec – Trinity Oaks sponsored hunt for Purple Heart recipients at Thumbtack Ranch. Apply online at Trinity Oaks website. Applicants who have not yet hunted with Trinity Oaks will receive priority consideration.

### December:

7<sup>th</sup> – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

8<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Staff Meeting. 1pm-3pm. Hero’s Night Out in Cedar Park. All Chapter members (not just the staff) are invited to attend. We will have a guest speaker.

13<sup>th</sup> – National Guard Birthday

15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party for veterans and their families in Copperas Cove. Co-hosted by MOPH 1919 and Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. VFW Post 8577 at 1506 Veterans Ave, Copperas Cove, TX 76522. Time TBA. Purple Santa will attend. All MOPH Chapter 1919 members and families are invited to attend and support the party. We are expecting up to 30 veteran families to attend from the Copperas Cove area. Contact Ted Acheson to volunteer and support this event.

20<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Christmas Party. 4pm-8pm. Hero’s Night Out in Cedar Park. We currently need a few volunteers to organize and plan this event. If you can help coordinate this chapter event, contact Junior Vice Commander, Allen Leatherwood.